



## **MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**July 10, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Miramar City Commission was called to order by Mayor Messam at 7:07 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Miramar City Hall, 2300 Civic Center Place, Miramar, Florida.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of the City Commission were present:

Mayor Wayne M. Messam  
Vice Mayor Alexandra P. Davis  
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes  
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers

Upon call of the roll, the following member of the City Commission was absent:

Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

The following members of staff were present:

Assistant City Manager Whittingham Gordon  
City Attorney Jaime Cole  
City Attorney Alison Smith  
City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs

MAYOR MESSAM: ... ladies and gentlemen, the meeting of the Miramar City Commission is now called to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Assistant City Manager Gordon.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GORDON: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Smith.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Here.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: City Attorney Cole.

CITY ATTORNEY COLE: Here.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: Let us all rise for the pledge of allegiance. (Pledge recited)

## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

MAYOR MESSAM: At this time, we will observe a moment of silence for any condolences we're experiencing in the community and, of note, we have a commemoration list of employees who have lost loved ones: employee, Tara Rumph from Economic & Business Development lost her grandmother, and Ralston Thomas from Public Works lost his mother. So let's keep all condolences, and our friends and fellow City staff members in our thoughts and our prayers. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: If there are any members of the public who are here for item number 20, staff is recommending that item 20 under Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing be continued to the meeting of 8/21/19. If there's anyone in the public here for this item, please note that this item is being continued, and they may be -- you may be excused at this time. Madam Attorney, do we have to have a motion for that. Okay. Yes. May I have a motion to continue item number 20 to August 21<sup>st</sup> of '19.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Mayor, let me read the title first.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, item number 20, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion for continuation.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have to read the title first. Item number 20, please.

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

- 20.** Temp. Reso. #R6998 considering **Conditional Use** Application No. 1900388, **Site Plan** Application No. 1900384 and **Community Appearance Board** Application No. 1900385, for **Casa Sant'Angelo Senior Housing**, located at 16800 Miramar Parkway. ***(Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 08/21/19)***  
***(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)***

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Yes. Item number 20 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Conditional Use Application No. 1900388, Site Plan Application No. 1900384, and Community Appearance Board Application No. 1900385, for Casa Sant'Angelo Senior Housing, located at 16 -- 16800 Miramar Parkway; providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: May I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion for continuation for agenda item 20.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice Mayor Dais, to continue Resolution #R6998, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Cont'd. to 8/21/2019**

## **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Presentation: Historic Miramar Advisory Board Update (Historic Miramar Advisory Board Chair James Hepburn) (*Postponed*)

MAYOR MESSAM: We have a presentation by the Historic Miramar Board Chairman. To present is the chairman for -- we have a representative from staff, Eric Silva from Community & Economic Development. I don't think your mic is on.

MR. SILVA: Good evening. Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. I don't see the chair here. He might be running a little bit late from work, so I'm wondering if we could defer this to our next meeting if he can't make it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Well, it depends on where we are in the program, and we'll recognize him when he comes.

Proclamation: Luis Morales Day (Mayor Wayne M. Messam)

MAYOR MESSAM: And we do have one proclamation for today, and it is in recognition of Luis Morales Day, and if you can have Mr. Luis come forward with family. I would like my colleagues to the front. You'll find out about Mr. Luis in the proclamation, so if everyone can join me up front please, I really would appreciate it. This evening, we have the distinct pleasure of having one of the few remaining D-Day veterans here in our City. I'll go through the proclamation, and you'll see why it's such an honor to have him here, and not only is he a resident, he's an active participant in our senior program at the Sunset Lakes Community Center, so it's great to have him here today. And this proclamation is in recognition of Angel Luis Morales Melendez, July 11, 2019:

Whereas, Angel Luis Morales Melendez, also known as Luis Morales, was born in Orocovis, Puerto Rico, in January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to his parents Josepha Melendez and Juan Jose Morales. He was their 13<sup>th</sup> child; and, Whereas, Luis was drafted to the United States Army on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1942, while living in New York. He reported to Camp Sibert in Alabama with final orders to report to military intelligence training at Fort Ritchie, Maryland. He was assigned to the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Blue and Gray of Maryland, and stationed in Salisbury, England; and, Whereas, he participated in D-Day, the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944, and

landed on Omaha Beach on 4:00 a.m. that day. He served as Master Sergeant in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, and was honorably discharged on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1945. He was awarded -- he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Medal for Valor, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Presidential Unit citation, which is a distinguished badge; and, Whereas, Luis returned to Puerto Rico in 1945, where he met and married Mary Perez. They had four children and lived in Puerto Rico until 1964, when Luis accepted a position in Ecuador as cooperative advisor to the Handicraft team of the Cooperative League of the United States of America, under contract by USAID. Other posts were Peru and Haiti. He returned to the United States and retired in 1980. Luis and Mary were married for 68 years, and lived in Merritt Island, Florida, for 25 years. As a widower, he now resides in Miramar at the home of his daughter, Mary Jo, and son-in-law, Howard, who are joining us here today. He is an active 98-year-old man, and he regularly attends the Miramar Senior Center daily; and I asked him today how hard was work today, and he said he had fun at work today at the Senior Center, where he socializes and maintains his mental and physical health. Now, therefore, I, Wayne Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, and on behalf of my colleagues on the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as Angel Luis Morales Melendez Day.

MAYOR MESSAM: So join me in celebrating our veteran and our own Miramar resident. Would you like to say a few words?

MR. MORALES: I'm very thankful, appreciative to be here. Again, I don't know that I deserve any honor, except that I served my country, and that's it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, to answer your question, you at least deserve to be given a day in the City of Miramar, because of your efforts and many veterans that have, you know, fought for liberties in this country. We are here to be able to serve our community because of your valor and your service to our nation, and we thank you. Let's give him one more round of applause.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: He's no ordinary young man.

Presentation: Legislative Update (House Representative Shevrin Jones)

MAYOR MESSAM: Now we will have a legislative update by our very own House Representative Mr. Shevrin Jones. Welcome, sir, good evening.

MR. JONES: Good evening, Mayor, and good evening, Vice Mayor and Commission. Thank you all so much for the work that the City of Miramar is doing for your residents. It has been and it is a great honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to continue to represent you in Tallahassee for the last seven years. And, as you all know, within the last 2019 session, we had a host of new leadership in Tallahassee, including the Speaker of the House, Jose Oliva, our new Senate President, Bill Galvano, and our new Governor, Ron Desantis. This session, our office was blessed to pass two important pieces of

legislation, which was just signed into law by the Governor just last week. The first bill that we -- we -- we put forth and the Governor signed is the Infectious Diseases Elimination Program Act, which is also known as Needle Exchange. We have -- we've had a pilot program in Miami-Dade County called the IDEA Exchange, where this program removed dirty needles off our streets by allowing needle exchange, thereby stemming new HIV, Hepatitis C infections. The program provided opioid users with a kit containing clean needle, information about seeking substance abuse help, Narcan to reverse overdoses, and a Sharp container for the needle. The Narcan was critical in saving lives, and by 2017, the IDEA Exchange had recorded over 1,200 overdose reversals due to its distribution. The IDEA Exchange has helped Miami-Dade County, and the data generated from the program, prove that the work that is happening in Miami should be spread across the State of Florida. And I'm happy to say that within just last week, Palm Beach County has already passed resolution indicating that they want a needle exchange program, and I believe that Broward County will be following suit. The other bill that we were so fortunate to pass is one that I believe is a win for our -- our state, but more specifically, for women, and that was the Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act. This bill mandated that women in Florida's Correctional Facilities receive healthcare products for free. These products include pads and tampons, soap, toothbrushes and toothpastes. Additionally, the bill ensured that only female correctional officers conduct searches on women, unless a woman is a danger to herself or others around her, and there are no female officers available. We've had many organizations who joined on board with us to -- to support this from the Sheriff's Association, and to move forward and other organizations, and a host of elected officials from across the State. I also want to share with you an important probation bill that -- that we carried, that brought \$13 million to Broward County, and that was the Nova Southeastern University Health Clinic Base Service Outreach. This program extends their current clinical service, such as medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy to underserved populations, with a primary target of school-aged children, elderly people, and our veterans. We were able to collect these dollars, and I'm sure it will help not only the individuals within the area where Nova is at, but I know it will also help the people here in Miramar. With that, I do want to bring -- bring your attention to knowing that the City of Miramar, I know for a fact during Legislate -- there are appropriations that went -- that went forth, that the City sent. We were not successful in -- we were successful in getting it in the budget, but it was vetoed at the last minute by the Governor. I did speak with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager, and to let them know that Senator Brannan and I are going to meet with the city managers and the assistant city managers, just so we can make it very clear after meeting with the Governor's Office, of what it is that the Governor's Office want. Were they looking forward to ensuring that when we do take appropriations to them, that it will not get vetoed and coming back? I will say that you -- Miramar has a great legislative lobbying team that's in Tallahassee, who work extremely hard, and they were able to get your items in the budget, as the Governor's -- the Governor's desk is where we got hung up at, and we're going to work with the Governor's office to see where -- again, what it is that he wants too, so we can bring dollars back home into the -- into the district for Miramar. We have received a great deal of complaints, and I know it's been happening for a long time. I know, Mayor, that you are aware of this, and that is with blasting. Senator Brannan and

I, we've met, and we spoke, and we both are going to file legislation this year to deal with -- deal with blasting. How that language would look, we need to make -- there was some legislation that was found last year to deal with blasting, but we don't believe that they went far enough to make sure that the residents who have been emailing us, and calling us, and tweeting us, that they get the relief that they're -- that they're looking for. So are meeting with the Speaker of the House next week, because we want to share with him the stories that we've already received. We also want to share with him the complaints that have come -- come back to see what it is that they can stomach. Not only stomach, but also hear what the concerns are from those individuals who are suffering from the blasting within these communities, and knowing that the State of Florida, we had a responsibility to take care of these individual houses -- home, excuse me. And so we -- this is something that we're going to put forth. But we're not going to put forth any legislation without first sitting down with those residents, share with them what the -- what the legislation that we're looking at putting forth to see if this is a step in the right direction. And the last thing I'll end on, and just in case the Commission may have any remarks or questions that are from this past legislative session, and that's one important bill, and that was the Amendment "4". This is-- Miramar is our final stop for our legislative tour that we've been doing, as we've gone to all of our commission meetings this year, and this has been the one thing that a lot of the Commissioners, residents have asked about, and that was Amendment "4". And it is clear that when we voted in 2018 in November, how people were clear. The 71 percent of the people who voted to restore the rights of 1.4 -- 1.5 million people, they were clear what they wanted to do. The Legislature, in its infinite wisdom, thought it was necessary to go and change the rules in what the people want. We are fighting that particular piece to where it is true that we are advocates that an individual whose rights have been restored, they should not have to jump through red tape for them to vote when we already approved that their voting rights be restored. A lawsuit has been filed to -- against the Legislature to begin to open those up, but there's also been a lot of advocates that have come forth to help those individuals who may owe fines, in which the State of Florida is asking for these people to pay to help them pay these fines. I will end with this. That when we're talking about these individuals paying fines, the fines in which we are asking them to pay, a lot of them, a lot of the fines are not being tracked by, not only the Clerk of the Courts, but there are other fines that might be stacking upon these individuals who might need to vote. January 8<sup>th</sup>, when they were released to go vote, you had individuals who were already registered to vote, prepared to vote in municipal elections. Now those individuals would come forth in -- in November or whenever their next -- those next elections will be, maybe within a municipality, and they will not have the opportunity to vote, which will create -- we already know it -- which will create a lot of confusion at the polling places. So I believe it's going to take a collective effort from all of us, all elected officials and community members to begin to voice our -- our concerns with what's about to happen as the election season come around, in March for some, in August for others, to make sure that these individuals are not disenfranchised and are not stopped at the voting booth, and are being allowed to vote. Mr. Mayor and Vice Mayor, and to the Commission, that is the legislative update for the 2019 legislative session, and I know we'll be back, because Committee Week in September, and session starts in January. And so we'll be coming back this year with bills that we'll be putting

forth in the upcoming legislative session. I'm open for questions and comments.

MAYOR MESSAM: Representative Jones, thanks so much for your comprehensive presentation, and on behalf of the City, we'd like to thank you for your representation of the City of Miramar. And although this year the Governor did not allow our appropriations to go through, I will make of note and commend yourself, as well as our entire State delegation that represents the City of Miramar, you all have a stellar track record of getting the City of Miramar millions of dollars for our various projects, whether it's in our parks programs, our cultural arts program, or even our infrastructure. You all have done a tremendous job. And even this year, you did your job and got it to the desk.

MR. JONES: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: You can't control the Governor, so -- on -- regarding your coming legislation for the blasting, which is a very important issue in the City of Miramar. I know one of the recommendations that have come from the Blasting Committee, as well as the residents in the community is for -- one, for the State to accept the study that was done, and to begin to implement some of the recommendations that came forth in that study. So I would definitely recommend and charge you to work with the Governor's Office, and Fire Marshal's Office in regards to seeing what is the status of the implementation of the recommendations that came from the study, which was a very huge State effort, as well as the City of Miramar effort and surrounding communities to even get the study funded, and actually performed. Even though we had challenges and issues with the bases of design of the study, it did come forth with some recommendations, and I think there has not been any movement on that, so I would encourage you to follow up on that. All right.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I do have a question.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you again, Representative Jones, for stopping by and giving us an update. I know, recently, they have now implemented the texting and driving.

MR. JONES: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Could you just elaborate a little bit, because I'm not sure that, you know, folks understand some of the implications, and so on and so forth, but I'm assuming there's some kind of outreach that's going out to folks regarding the texting and driving.

MR. JONES: Thank you, Vice Mayor. And, Vice Mayor, that's -- that's what happens when you start free styling. I stop reading my notes, because I was supposed to talk about the texting and driving. So July 1<sup>st</sup>, as you know, texting and driving has now become a primary offense. In the -- with it being a primary offense, there are a couple things that - - misconceptions that people should understand that they should know, that when -- if and when a police officer pulls a individual over and -- because of texting -- because they



saw them texting or whatever the case might be, there is a misconception that the individual have to give their phone to the police officer. That is not the case. If a police officer ask you for your phone, you do not have to give them your cell phone, and I think that was one of the cases. But you will be fined if they see that you were texting and driving. I think it's up to 150, \$150.00, if I'm not mistaken. But it is a primary offense. It's now -- excuse me, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. I believe that they're going to try to expand it next year, but they are trying to get some data from it, from the roll out from right now to see from different agencies what comes from -- how many people were stopped, what's the demographic of the people who were stopped from it. So this is a step the -- in a direction to where it's -- it has become a problem, and we know accidents are happening because of it, and I think it's -- it's necessary. So my apologies, and thanks for bringing that up.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No problem. And I do believe until January, you get warnings, I believe.

MR. JONES: You get warnings until January.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: A warning until January.

MR. JONES: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And the second thing, with regards to the blasting, I don't know how your schedule is, but we actually have a meeting tomorrow with a few folks that want to discuss that with staff. And I know Representative Polo, is it, she has been working with that group.

MR. JONES: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: They're called United We Can Coalition, LLC, and they have scheduled a meeting with us tomorrow at 11:30. I'm not sure if you're going to be around; if so, we'd love to get your input, because, as you know, our hands are pretty tied --

MR. JONES: Yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- when it comes to being able to help residents with this issue.

MR. JONES: Yes. And, Vice Mayor, I'm going to work on coming to that 11:30 meeting. Can I -- my office can get in contact with someone to figure out where it's at.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes. Who's that, Mr. City Manager, acting? We have the meeting, right? All right. So staff will meet you -- you'll have somebody meet with him? All right. So one of -- one of the Manager's staff will meet with you before you leave today.

MR. JONES: Okay. Sounds good.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: And, hopefully, get that information. Thank you.

MR. JONES: Thank you. And -- and, Mayor, I failed to say that this year, I think -- I also served as the Broward delegation chair this year, and so I think I'll come in twofold when I come back to Miramar for Broward County, and I'm sure we'll be sitting down and speaking as the sitting chair. So I do want to put that on the table when I do come back, I'll also probably give the delegations a laundry list of things that we'll be doing in Tallahassee this year.

MAYOR MESSAM: Great. And congratulations on your new leadership role.

MR. JONES: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much, Mr. -- Representative Jones.

MR. JONES: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Not just you, your entire family have been public servants --

MR. JONES: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- throughout the years. I remember your brother taught my daughter, who's now a 2019 graduate with 5.0 GPA and will be going off to the Navy to do chemical engineering, so thank you and your family for all your service, your dad and so forth.

MR. JONES: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just to touch on the one thing with the exchange needle in Miami-Dade.

MR. JONES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I just want to emphasize how important it is for ordinary residents to take up a cause and to try to get things done, because this is something that been pushed too for a while, and no one think it had a chance. And it went through, and they have a lot of doubt that this would work.

MR. JONES: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I'm very pleased to see -- I was reading about it the other day, and to see how well it work. Now both party on board to support.

MR. JONES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Because of the -- how successful the program is.

MR. JONES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: So that's a good thing.

MR. JONES: It is a good thing. And, Commissioner, -- and I would like you to know it's - needle exchange has -- in Florida has been -- they've been trying to pass this for 15 years, and this is the first time in 15 years we were actually able to get this passed. And once Broward County bring the ordinance, cities also can bring ordinances to put in their cities also.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Well, that program in Dade prove that it work.

MR. JONES: Yes, it does.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And -- and it was very successful, so -- I was very excited when I was seeing that, so I'm glad -- the people are not here today, but there's one other thing. The HB481, that's something that most people does not pay attention to, and it's the sickle cell disease that kill a lot of our folks, families, and it doesn't get any attention. So we hope that we can get more support with that. So it's affect a lot of children in our community, and it's -- people don't recognize how dangerous it is, and they don't talk about it. So many people are affected by that.

MR. JONES: Absolutely. And, Commissioner, Representative Brown from Orlando, who has been a huge advocate when it comes to sickle cell, it -- it's something that, not only do we need to get a line item for -- for research centers to be place in cities, I'm open to even speaking with the City Manager at some point in time, because I know Orlando, they did get an appropriation to put a research pilot program in Orlando. And I think it would be something great, as big as Miramar is, and as far as the demographic is concerned, that it would fit. When we're speaking of sickle cell, I think it would be something that would be great to bring to Miramar also.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. And give my regard to your dad and mom.

MR. JONES: I will. Thank you, Commissioner.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just to say thanks to Representative Jones for your efforts regarding the blasting problem that we face. I tell you why your efforts are even more crucial. It is tough to say to a resident, "This is a State problem." Our electors, our

residents simply say, "Come on, it's City." And then we try to explain, not only is it not -- we don't have that kind of control, but this is another county. So I beg and plead with you, along with your associates, both in Miami, as well as here in Broward County, continue this fight about the blasting. This is crucial, this is critical. We're talking about youngsters sitting in their classrooms and being frightened. And we've heard -- we've heard our residents come and tell us about their grandmothers in their 80s being shocked, as it were, to -- to have this experience. So, please, whatever you can do, please continue to do in -- in this little fight for us.

MR. JONES: Yes, sir. Thank you, Commissioner. Will do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you so much, Representative Jones.

MR. JONES: Thank you so much; appreciate it.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR MESSAM: We're now on Consent Agenda. Items listed on the Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine, and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired, the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone who wishes to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Good evening, ma'am, welcome.

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street. I'd like to make comments on number eight, the janitorial. April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, RS 6921 CSI, \$353,760.00, including the ten percent contingency, not including the living wage, whereby, Mr. Fisher was addressed competitive bid, and there was no mention that you were going to include living wage in the contract. Tonight, you may approve a company totaling \$602,168.30, including ten percent contingency, and living wage, I'm assuming, at \$12.50 an hour for three years, with -- with two optional one-year renewal periods. I'm assuming this includes all employees working for the company, whether they live in Miramar or not. A petition is going around for the 2020 ballot to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour. If it passes, what then? What are you going to do if your living wage is behind the minimum wage? Are you going to raise it to \$19.00 an hour? This is going to promote inflammatory bids even higher. This fiscally impacts taxpayers of the City; we are absorbing the cost; we're bearing the burden of your decisions made here tonight. You have set a precedent for inflammatory claims of all vendors and contractors that deal with the City, by opening up Pandora's Box when any competitive bid goes out. Please stop and think. This is not in the best interest of taxpayers of our City. Please reject this resolution and call Mr. Fisher up from CSI, and award their proposal presented April 3<sup>rd</sup>, CSI, \$353,760.00. Tonight, USSI, \$602,168.30; there's a big difference of \$248,408.00, and that's with the living wage at \$12.50. What if the living wage is going to be \$15.00?

Please think of the taxpayers and the best interest of us. Please do the right thing and reject this. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members who wish to comment on any items on the Consent Agenda? Any other members from the public that wish to comment on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, are there any items that wish to be pulled? If none, I'll take a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Number 11.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: The item -- oh, go ahead.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chamber's, you have an item?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: 11.

MAYOR MESSAM: 11? Okay, number 11, Chambers. Any other items?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: This is a question to the City Manager. Item number eight, was that not pulled? Item number eight?

MAYOR MESSAM: No, we had -- the Commission wants to pull --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No, no. Prior to.

MAYOR MESSAM: There's no note to me --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: The janitorial services.

MAYOR MESSAM: -- that any item as continued or pulled, except item 20, so all items that are on the Consent Agenda are up for vote. If there is discussion that needs to happen, it can be pulled.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: The janitorial services, I had some concerns with the janitorial services and, in my discussions, I wanted that item pulled.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, the item is pulled, and this is where we pull the item. You mean --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Not -- well --

MAYOR MESSAM: When you say pulled, what do you mean pulled?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Can we have a continuation?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: It's another term. However, now I need it pulled.

MAYOR MESSAM: The item is up for vote, so it's at the pleasure of the Commission. So if the item needs to be pulled out, then we can have that discussion about number eight, and then we can determine if pulled, but right now it's on the Consent Agenda.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yeah. My question was to the City Manager, but maybe he -- he forgot what we discussed previously on this item. But that's fine. If I can pull the item, please.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So number eight is pulled by Commissioner Davis. I'm just trying to facilitate based on what we have before us. All right, number eight, and number 11. Are there any other items that wish to be pulled on Consent Agenda? Hearing none, may I take a motion on the balance of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

1. Minutes from the Special and Regular Commission Meetings of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Approved**

2. Temp. Reso. #R6976 accepting an **Absolute Bill of Sale** and **Easement** from Progressive Casualty Insurance Company, for the **Water System Improvements** serving **Progressive Insurance**; authorizing the release of Letter of Credit No. 30006003 in the amount of \$265,536.00, and accepting a One-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$39,168.00 from Progressive Casualty Insurance Company. *(Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

**Resolution No. 19-140**

3. Temp. Reso. #R6906 approving the Revocable License Agreement with Broward County to permit a **fence encroachment** into the **public right-of-way**; providing for authorization and implementation of the agreement. *(Assistant City Engineer Salvador Zuniga)*

**Resolution No. 19-141**

4. Temp. Reso. #R6973 approving the first amendment to the **Transportation System Surtax Inter-Local Agreement**; authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

**Resolution No. 19-142**

5. Temp. Reso. #R6969 supporting the **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Project** for **Pembroke Road**. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

**Resolution No. 19-143**

6. Temp. Reso. #R6978 supporting the **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Project** for **Southwest 148th Avenue**. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

**Resolution No. 19-144**

7. Temp. Reso. #R6980 supporting the **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Project** for **Miramar Boulevard**. *(City Engineer Bissy Vempala)*

**Resolution No. 19-145**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number eight, please.

8. Temp. Reso. #R6983 approving the award of Request for Proposals ("RFP") No. 19-04-22 entitled "**Janitorial Services**" to the highest ranked proposer, United States Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$547,425.72, allocating a 10% Contingency Allowance of \$54,742.57 for as-needed services for a total combined annual amount of \$602,168.27, for an initial term of three years commencing September 2, 2019, with two optional one year renewal periods; authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement with United States Service Industries, Inc. (*Public Works Interim Director Anthony Collins and Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 8 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals ("RFP") No. 19-04-22 entitled "Janitorial Services" to the highest ranked proposer, United States Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$547,425.72, allocating a 10% Contingency Allowance of \$54,742.57 for as-needed services for a total combined annual amount of \$602,168.27, for an initial term of three years commencing September 2, 2019, with two optional one year renewal periods; authorizing the City Manager to execute an appropriate agreement with United States Service Industries, Inc., and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Miss --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. So this is -- I just want to be clear, to the City Manager, because I think I got it mixed up with another item. So this came before us before?

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GAYLE: Yes, that is correct.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right. And then we had sent it back out for?

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GAYLE: For the living wage, for the requirement for the living wage, yes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Okay. So, yes, if we could have a presentation then, thank you, and how it's changed since we now brought it back.

MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, --

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. COLLINS: -- Madam Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Attorney. Anthony Collins, Public Works Director. The item in front of us is RFP#9-02-22. Next, please. The issue at hand is that the City Commission approval is required to award request for proposal RFP#19-04-22 for janitorial services to the highest ranked proposer, United States Services Industrial, Inc., approval of annual expenditure totaling \$602,168.30, and execution of an appropriation agreement. Over the past four years, Public Works has



successfully contracted out these services. The City rebid janitorial services to achieve living wage requirements; 37 facilities grouped in four categories: public safety, eight facilities; recreational, 15 facilities; recreational/childcare, seven facilities; high traffic, ten facilities. Procurement process: RFP#19-11-07, publicly advertised November 8, 2018. The bids were rejected on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, for inclusion of living wage requirements. RFP#19-04-22 publicly advertised April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mandatory prebid and site visits were conducted May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Five proposals received on bid closing date May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. A City appointed selection committee reviewed and ranked the proposals in accordance with criteria set forth in the RFP. United States Services Industries, Inc., was the highest scored response and responsible proposal, and negotiation conducted with the firm. Fiscal impact: as you can see, the original bid price was \$321,600.00. The new RFP price came in at six thousand six -- \$638,443.00. We -- staff met with the firm. We negotiate with them, they reduce their price down to \$557,425.00; there's a contingency and, of course, living wage requirement was included for a total of \$602,163.00. Next please. So the scope of services, janitorial contractual services included general cleaning, provides for environmentally friendly cleaning products, all tools and equipment, all labor-related expenses, delivery of paper goods. Additional request: existing contract with Cleaning Services, Inc., ends July 30<sup>th</sup> -- 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. City Manager utilized authority for up to ten days extension. City request approval for CSI to provide service for up to one month through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Extension provides for smooth transition to USSI. Contract terms: the initial contract terms commenced September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, and will remain in effect for three years until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Option to extend the term for up to two additional one-year periods upon approval by the City Commission. Next one. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Are there any comments or questions on this item?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just to -- I can't recall. Is this the same company that came back now with this new amount, or is it a whole different --

MR. COLLINS: Different company.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Different company. But they had the opportunity to also --

MR. COLLINS: Correct.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: -- participate?

MR. COLLINS: that is correct.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you.

MR. COLLINS: You're welcome.

MAYOR MESSAM: What -- from the original bid, what was the hourly rate those workers were being paid, under the first proposal, do we know?

MR. COLLINS: I'm going to defer that to the procurement director.

MS. AYUM: They were being paid minimum wage, not --

MAYOR MESSAM: Minimum wage?

MS. AYUM: Yeah.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And, for the record, what is the City's recognized -- what do we recognize as the living wage from the City?

MS. AYUM: I believe it's \$12.50.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So -- so, basically -- for the benefit of the public, there was a question raised, in terms of the increase in the cost of this contract compared to the regular -- the regular proposal. In terms of my position where I am on this item, just to give some context in the variance between the two contracts. In the City of Miramar, for our own City employees, we feel that it is important for our own employees to make a living wage as City of Miramar employees. That includes full and part time workers. Janitorial services are done and -- and executed and performed on all of our 30 plus facilities across the City. And we all know that the minimum wage right now, and people that are doing good work for our City, you know, cleaning our facilities, which means mopping our floors, dusting furniture, even cleaning our toilets and urinals, are only making minimum wage in a very tough economy. So if we are paying our own employees at least a living wage in our City, for those individuals that are performing this contract, their mothers, their fathers, they have families and they have children, that they should, at least, make a living wage. So I support this contract for that reason. So that we can ensure that people that are doing service for the community can do it with some form of dignity and some ability to earn a living to take care of their families, and we're not asking them to do something that we are having our own employees not do. Because if we were to employ our own employees to do this work, not only will we have to pay them a living wage, but we would also have to pay them medical benefits, we would also have to pay any qualifying pension contributions as well, which would be much more than what this contract is. So I just wanted to provide some context, in terms of how I view this item. So I will be in support of this item. If there are no other comments, I'll take a motion. Yeah, you have a comment, Commissioner Chambers?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: While I agree that everyone should make very decent wages, at the same time, the janitorial service, they're not City employees, and I'm concerned about other contractors going to come before us to where we're going to have to put in place guideline to make sure everyone is paid a certain wages. That's -- is one of my concern at the last meeting when I was here. But with this contract, I'm hoping that we, in some way, making sure that we can hold the applicant accountable to make sure that these employees are paid pretty decent wages. And I mean \$12.00 -- \$12.50, that's still really nothing, you know, in the grand scheme of things. So inflation is really, really killing us. That's nothing. But it is what it is, and I guess I'll support this item if -- it's a tough call, really. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, I think you raise a very important point, but we do have some tools, in terms of how we can verify payment in terms of certified payroll. I'm sure this is something that we, perhaps, could have included or -- or amended to the -- to the contract. It's something that's very common, especially with construction projects that may have certain funding. For example, if federal dollars are funding a project, it falls under the Davis-Bacon Act, and there's a wage schedule that has to be determined, and it is verified by a certified payroll. So there are some tools to address the very valuable point that you did raise, Commissioner Chambers, so I would support --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And I just want to say, Mr. Mayor, you know, for someone like me who is a big beneficiary of my mother work very, very low wages in this country, extremely low, must be like \$1.00 something an hour, and she did what she had to do. So I know what it's like to -- and even when she retire 2009, she was still not even making \$11.00 an hour at the Miami Jewish Home for Seniors. So I understand both sides, from that side, and I understand sitting where I'm sitting to be the primary custodian of the public dollar for the City of Miramar. So I could see both side of the coin -- coin, so it's a decision we've got to make, and we got to make decision when it come before us. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other -- you got a comment?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6983, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

#### **Resolution No. 19-146**

9. Temp. Reso. #R6989 approving the first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for **inspection, monitoring, and blasting related services** to be performed by Broward County Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division; authorizing the City Manager to execute the first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement. *(Public Works Interim Director Anthony Collins)*

#### **Resolution No. 19-147**

10. Temp. Reso. #R6984 authorizing the purchase of **body worn cameras** from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,222,863 through the utilization of the National Purchasing Partners and its Government Division Contract #1505, other associated program equipment from various vendors in the amount of \$55,579.52, and program employee costs in the amount of \$1,223,305.00 totaling \$2,501,747.00; approving use of funds from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,152,535.52 to cover the first two years of the five year program; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for a term of five years. *(Police Chief Dexter Williams)*

#### **Resolution No. 19-148**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 11, please. Commissioner Chambers, you need a presentation? We'll call the -- number 11, please. One second, one second.

11. Temp. Reso. #R6970 authorizing the purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment and related professional services for the **upgrade** of the **Cultural Affairs Audio Visual System** that will service special events, from Crestron Electronics Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,290.00 through the utilization of the Alternate Contract Source No. 521615500-ACS-16-1. (*Information Technology Director Clayton D. Jenkins*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 11 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, authorizing the purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment and related professional services for the upgrade of the Cultural Affairs Audio Visual System that will service special events, from Crestron Electronics Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,290.00 through the utilization of the Alternate Contract Source No. 521615500-ACS-16-1, and providing for an effective date.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I guess I could get a brief presentation, and I have some comment.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Assistant City Manager, City Attorneys, and City Clerk, my name is Jason Campbell. I work for the IT Department, and the item before you tonight is for the audio system upgrade for the Cultural Center/ArtsPark. A little background. The Miramar Cultural Center/ArtsPark opened in December of 2009. It's known for its performance space and banquet hall rentals, hosting of special events and cultural activities. It's also a destination for art gallery exhibitions, and a place to have beautiful outdoor memories in its botanical garden. The audiovisual equipment in the Cultural Affairs banquet hall, art gallery, botanical garden is ten years old and out of warranty. As a result of the equipment being beyond its useful life, we have experienced multiple hardware failures that have led to disruption in service over the past few years. Some of the upgrades will include new high-performance two-way in ceiling speakers throughout the banquet hall and art gallery. Four extraordinary performance outdoor speakers for the botanical garden, best in industry wireless, handheld microphones, and new state-of-the-art ten-inch control displays featuring smart graphics technologies that will deliver the ultimate experience in an unobtrusive space saving design. Cost is estimated not to exceed \$90,290.00. Per procurement code, Commission approval is needed for purchases over \$75,000.00. Approval recommended.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Any members from the public wishing to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. As a reminder, if your indicator is working to indicate that you want to speak, if you can use it. I know some of us may have an issue, but -- so I can know who wants to speak, and I can get the order, those who want to speak. Are there any comments, questions? I don't see anyone raising their hands. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Campbell. The reason why I pull this item, and also have you give a presentation, so the public could see what I'm talking about, and see what the agenda item is about. What it is, I remember I request upgrade for this facility that we're in, and whatever was done was not adequate. And now that we're doing the audio upgrade for the MCC facility, I just want to make sure that we have accountability, that whatever we get, we have -- we're getting what we're really paying for. So I just want to put everybody on notice that we need to have whoever in charge watch and making sure that we're getting what we need, what we're really, really paying for. And sometimes it's -- you have different companies do different products, and it's -- it's about tuning the product to fit the facility. So we want to make sure we have everyone who in place to -- to get a good sound system that we're getting. So I just want to put that on the record.

MR. CAMPBELL: Understood.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And here the reason why I'm still using this, because we're still never get -- we need hearing people in the back occasionally can't even hear what's going on in this -- on this dais. So thank you so much for your presentation.

MR. CAMPBELL: You're welcome. Thank you. Have a good night.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: You too.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a couple of quick questions. When we say the equipment has become outdated, are we talking about it being left by development in computer software, for example, are we speaking about actual physical equipment.

MR. CAMPBELL: Actual physical equipment.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Ok in other words, the equipment we're working with being 10 years old, is not the equipment that you could update with new software.

MR. CAMPBELL: Unfortunately, not; not at this time.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Explain why though, if you can.

MR. CAMPBELL: One, inside of warranty, and there's no other -- the company that provides the software is no longer -- provide those maintenance service updates for that equipment.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: See, I was fearing that is the problem. It's not as if it's not useful anymore, but the originators of it will no longer service it, give updates and so on. Am I reading that right?

MR. CAMPBELL: Correct.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Wow. What do we do, going forward though, to not be restricted by those arrangements?

MR. CAMPBELL: With the new equipment, we have a service contract that we will continue to update and make sure all this equipment stays up to date with the latest version.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: But you're saying ten years' time we have to do this again; is that what you're saying?

MR. CAMPBELL: It's a possibility.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: In other words, this new system offers more flexibility than the one we're currently using?

MR. CAMPBELL: Absolutely. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay, okay. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And one more thing. I'm glad Commissioner Barnes touch on something, because what I notice here, even with the new police department, this equipment that we we're purchase that was not up to date, so whatever we are buying, we must buy current equipment, that way we have a longer lifespan, and not buying things that two, three years old. So I want to make sure that happen, not like what happened to other facility here.

MR. CAMPBELL: That will definitely happen, sir.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Seeing no other comments, may I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R6970, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

#### **Resolution No. 19-149**

12. Temp. Reso. #R6975 approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City of Miramar for the disbursement of \$211,762.00 in **HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds** for expenditures on eligible rehabilitation activities. (*Community Development Administrator Deborah Stevens*)

#### **Resolution No. 19-150**

#### ***End of Consent Agenda***

### **RESOLUTIONS**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 13, please.

13. Temp. Reso. #R6965 approving **appointments** to **various City Boards**. (*City Clerk Denise A. Gibbs*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 13 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving appointments to various City Boards, and providing for an effective date.



MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So we have a few Board vacancies, and I will -- we have one, two, three, four boards that have several vacancies. So we'll take them one by one, and we'll start then with advisory board for Blasting Citizen Advisory Committee, and these openings are from the communities: Huntington has one, Riviera Isles has one, Sunset Falls has one, Sunset Lakes has one. This is going to remain open. We currently do not have -- for those seats, for those communities -- this is not reflective of all the communities. Some -- most communities have their representation, but there are four communities, and I'll say them again: Huntington, Riviera Isles, which is, perhaps, the closest community to the basting; Sunset Falls and Sunset Lakes, each respectively have one vacancy. We do not have any current applicants for those, so we will see if we can send a -- perhaps a part of our newsletter, perhaps, let the community know we are seeking applicants for those vacancies to represent the community on a very important issue. Next advisory board, Cultural Center/ArtsPark Advisory Board. Vice Mayor Davis, you have one vacancy. Do you have your appointment this -- this week?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: I do believe I spoke to, was it you, Denise, with regards to the names of the folks, or was it your assistant?

CITY CLERK GIBBS: It was my assistant, Narva.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So did we -- because I believe it was -- I'm not too familiar with the ones that are on here, if it was Maggie Lee or Tamioka Atkinson. Was it Maggie Lee? So that was for the Cultural Center? All right, so it's Maggie Lee, Cultural Center, and then - - okay, so that one, Maggie Lee.

MAYOR MESSAM: Next board is Historic Miramar Advisory Board. There's two vacancies, one by Commissioner Colbourne, and Vice Mayor Davis. Vice Mayor Davis, do you have your appointment for Historic Miramar Advisory Board?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Narva, again. I don't know if I discussed this one -- on that one? All right, so let me --

MAYOR MESSAM: We can catch it back in August if you don't -- if you're not ready.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, you know what, Tamioka -- I believe -- did we discuss Tamioka, that she does live in the area, correct? Yeah, let's do Tamioka Atkinson.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. And for Parks & Recreation, Vice Mayor Davis has two vacancies.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, I'll do one tonight, because that one I know for sure. Francis Reid.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. So we will move three appointments for three respective advisory boards: Cultural Center/ArtsPark Advisory Board appointee for Vice Mayor Davis, Maggie Lee; Historic Miramar Advisory Board appointee for Vice Mayor Davis, Tamieka Atkinson; Parks & Recreation Advisory Board appointee for Vice Mayor Davis, Francis Reid. May I have a motion.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes, please.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers to approve Resolution #R6965, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Resolution No. 19-151**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 14, please.

14. Temp. Reso. #R6986 approving the Interlocal Agreement to satisfy the **reuse system obligation** between the City of Miramar and the City of Hollywood.  
(*Utilities Director Roy Virgin*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 14 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the Interlocal Agreement to satisfy the reuse system obligation between the City of Miramar and the City of Hollywood, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening, sir.

MR. VIRGIN: Good night, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Roy Virgin, Director of Utilities. This -- what is before you is the interlocal agreement with the City of Hollywood for reuse system obligation. A little bit of the issue is that, in accordance with the Florida Statute section 16301, Commission approval is required to enter into an interlocal agreement with local government units or public agencies. So a little bit about the background. The City of Miramar owns and operate a reuse system that produces 5.0 million gallons per day, it's call mgd, of reused water. The -- the City is currently under contract to design and expand the City's reuse system to 7.5 million gallons per day to serve additional customers west of I-75. Florida Statute 40. -- 403.0869, known as the Ocean Outfall Legislation requires three things. One, the elimination of wastewater effluent flow discharge to the ocean by 2025; which is critical. Two, the implementation of 60 percent reuse of flow discharge through the ocean outfall, and the legislation was amended to allow affected utilities to enter into inter -- into contractual agreements, and this is commonly referred to as virtual reuse. And virtual reuse, what it really means is that we're not actually going to send reuse water to -- to Hollywood, City of Hollywood, but what we'll be doing is we'll be giving them credit, based on the fact that we will have the capacity to produce the water. So the City of Hollywood currently discharges its wastewater effluent to the ocean, and it is required to provide two million gallons a day of reuse water by 2025. As allowed by the ocean outfall legislation, the City of Hollywood desires to enter into an agreement with the City of Miramar to meet their reuse system requirement. Per this proposed agreement, the City of Miramar shall complete the expansion of this reuse system to 7.5 million gallons per day capacity no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. And let me pause here just to say that the City of Miramar is the largest reuse producer in the South Florida area, so that -- that -- that augers well for what we're doing in terms of how we treat the environment by what water we take, and how we -- we allow it to use back into our system. The City of -- the City of Miramar continues to -- shall operate and maintain the reuse system for the full term of 30 years. The City of Miramar shall provide a minimum of 2 mpd of virtual reuse water, which shall be credited to the City of Hollywood in order to meet its reuse water requirement, what I spoke about earlier. The City of Hollywood shall compensate the City of Miramar in the amount of \$7 million within 90 days of Hollywood's receipt of a written approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, FDEP. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Dr. Virgin. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public who wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized, followed by Commissioner Barnes.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you so much, Roy, for your presentation. I mean it's great to see -- I mean I've lived here long enough to see that instead of us paying our water bill to Hollywood and Hollywood providing us water, we are now getting payments from Hollywood, because we have such a superior system, and I think that's great. It speaks volumes to our Utility Department and work that they've done that we are the leading edge of this type of industry; now we're providing for them, and they are paying us, basically, instead of the other way around. Where, for many years, we were getting our resources from the City of Hollywood. I know, Mayor Messam, I believe you've always had an issue with -- and our postal code, and, occasionally, we're called Hollywood instead of Miramar. And I mean it's time that, you know, people know that Miramar is on the map, and that we're actually doing Hollywood a favor. So thanks again.

MR. VIRGIN: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Dr. Virgin knows I'd love to listen to him for the whole night. I love his technical stuff. I love the chemistry he talks and so on. But not that tonight. Just -- just remind -- especially our residents who might not be aware of some of the technical realities. When we talk about reused water, reusable water, talk about the fact that we've had an arrangement with Cooper City for a while, and how this adds to the capacity that we're able to offer.

MR. VIRGIN: Thank you very much, Commissioner Barnes. So -- because we're able to treat the reused water, that's the water -- I know for the public, so when we flushes our toilet or we use it -- any other water goes down through the sinks and stuff, it comes to our -- what we call our waste water reclamation facility, and we treat that -- that -- that waste water. And, originally, or years ago, what we used to is just it and then inject it into the ground maybe 1,500 to 3,000 feet below. Now, with new technology, what we're able to do is not only just to send some down in the ground, but also to -- to treat it in such a way that it can be used for irrigation, primarily. It's not for drinking, please. And one of the reasons it's not for drinking -- we haven't gotten there yet. There are some cities that are --

MAYOR MESSAM: Or some states do.

MR. VIRGIN: So states in California, they're heading there. It's because of the nutrient content, high nutrients that include nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium. So we haven't been able to eliminate that; it's an expensive cost. But we're able to use that water to irrigate the common areas and, in so doing, the percolation of that water goes back into the whole water cycle, and then recharge our aquifers, and we're able to pull out more water from the system. So -- so a few years ago, we were able to -- similar agreement to -- to -- to have this agreement with the City of Cooper -- Cooper City for one mgd for \$3 million, because of their inability to meet the same -- the same demand from the FDEP

for the 2025 ocean outfall agreement. City of Hollywood recognizes as a coastal city that they are right there, and 2025 is just around the corner, and in order to satisfy that need, they reached out to us, we have the capacity and, hence, we're able to garner \$7 million by way of producing two mgd.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: That's the part of it that I like.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you so much, Mr. Virgin. I must say one of the things that I'm very proud about is that here in the City of Miramar, we have a lot of raw talent that's worked for the City for years, been in the trenches, and I'm very extremely proud to be sitting here and to be a part of the changes that make place over the last year. Just to have you standing here in front of us, and to see AC and Mr. Gordon sitting over there, I'm very proud to come in and to already have a relationship on the ground with most of the employee here, City of Miramar, before I got elected to this dais. So this -- this is something that means a lot to me to -- to be a part of this, and to have you guys representing the City of Miramar, knowing that you guys was always here, and still here, and going to continue to be here for a long time.

MR. VIRGIN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thanks, Commissioner. This item brings -- it's really music to my ears. I remember when first being elected, and actually campaigning for commissioner back at the time in 2011. You know, my profession as a general contractor, a LEED accredited professional, and being aware of the State mandates that all major utilities had to give back to the 2006 consumption levels from the Biscayne Aquifer, and knowing that project, seeking LEED certification. One of the major projects or one of the points or credits you get is the use of reclaimed water to irrigate the site of the property, and knowing that the City had recently, you know, just made this expensive, you know, development of our wastewater reclamation center, and seeing the opportunities. Because even at that point, it was actually the thought and challenge I was giving staff was to put infrastructure in place, so that we can send reclaimed water to our neighboring cities, and Miami-Dade County, because all of these aging utilities would need to get some form of reclaimed water credits or something. I think back then the statute wasn't in place yet. But, lo and behold, it's not actually physical water we're sending, but it's -- because of our excess capacity, we're able to give virtual credits to the tune of -- already, right now, after the approval of this item, \$10 million. I think we got \$3 million from Cooper City to help them meet their goals. So oftentimes you may hear residents come to this podium and talk about, you know, what is the City doing in terms of alternative revenues, what are we doing in terms of utilizing our assets to bring in revenue, this is a key example of how we're using our assets to generate revenue. And we've been -- and we talked about when State representative Jones was here, about one of the grants, we received about a

half a million dollars that went towards some of the expansion of our transmission lines for this system. I think on Flamingo, as Assistant City Manager reminded me of, and so -- now that we have put a main under I-75, we'll be able to charge and provide reclaimed water west of I-75, and -- and many communities and homeowners' associations, and even at Regional Park, we'll be able to utilize this water, instead of clean, pure drinking water. You know, you go into these communities, and sprinkler systems are going on, and it's using drinkable water, when it could be reclaimed water. So we'll -- we're becoming more resilient, as well as a more sustainable community, and being sensitive to our environment, because water is, perhaps, our most precious resource, and it will become an issue, and in South Florida, especially with sea-level rise and salt water intrusion that's impacting a lot of -- especially the eastern utilities. So great job by the Utilities Department and staff, and look forward to seeing even more opportunities for us to -- to maximize the potential of our assets. All right. At this point, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R6986, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Resolution No. 19-152**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 15, please.

15. Temp. Reso. #R6993 approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 19-05-24 for billboard advertising to OUTFRONT Media, LLC, the highest rated responsive, responsible proposer; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease agreements between the City and OUTFRONT Media, LLC, for a term of twenty years for various locations throughout the City for the **design, construction, installation, management, and maintenance of digital billboards**, for the purpose of advertising revenue enhancement, in an amount exceeding \$35 million for the term of the agreements. (*Assistant City Manager Kelvin L. Baker Sr., Chief Financial Officer Susan Gooding-Liburd, Procurement Director Alicia Ayum*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 15 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals No. 19-05-24 for billboard advertising to OUTFRONT Media, LLC, the highest rated responsive, responsible proposer; authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease agreements between the City and OUTFRONT Media, LLC, for a term of twenty years for various locations throughout the City for the design, construction, installation, management, and maintenance of digital billboards, for the purpose of advertising revenue enhancement, in an amount exceeding \$35 million for the term of the agreements, and providing for an effective date.

MR. BAKER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commission, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney. I'm Kelvin Baker, your assistant City manager. We're here this evening to seek your approval on our digital board initiative. On November the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the City Manager launched a management initiative called CARE. The purpose of the CARE initiative is to maximize operational effectiveness and efficiencies and, obviously, pursue new revenue opportunities. The CARE program was implemented to maximize the City overall effectiveness and efficiencies, as human capital, and natural resources. As part of the CARE program, there is a couple of components to it. One specifically deals with public/private partnerships. And in looking at public -- public/private partnerships, and -- and it was quite clear that as we looked at it, we saw the feasibility of implementing and bringing forward digital billboards to the City of Miramar. In looking at digital billboards, and why it's important to -- to our City, is that it -- it gives us an opportunity to, first of all, leverage our very precious assets. As a platform for public service messages, it promotes City -- allow us to promote City events, both locally and nationally. Giving us an effective way to communicate with travelers, with little to absolutely no financial impact to our city. We can promote messages to attract residents, businesses, and has our overall marketing band width -- on a national scale, just within a matter of minutes. And, finally, it provides a sustainable financial benefit to the -- to the City. This time we'll get some highlights from our Procurement Department. I'll be back to share with you further. Thank you.

MS. AYUM: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk. Alicia Ayum, Procurement Department. So just a little reminder. RFP19-1211 was rejected at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Subsequently, RFP19-0524 was advertised on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to obtain new solicitations to establish a lease agreement from an entity that would lease City property, design, construct, install, manage and maintain billboards. This RFP had a minimum requirement of \$27,000,075.00 over the term of the lease, or 35 percent of annual advertising revenue, whichever is greater. And this RFP included four locations, versus three in the original RFP. The RFP closed on June 18<sup>th</sup> with a total of three proposals from Becker Board of Miami, Clear Channel Outdoor, and OUTFRONT Media, LLC. A five-member selection committee met, discussed and scored the proposals. So here you see the ranking and the scoring for the three firms. OUTFRONT Media with a total of 486, Clear Channel 471.60 -- .60, Becker Boards 405.50. And here's the total proposed revenue. OUTFRONT Media was the highest rated responsive responsible proposer. Notice of intent to award was issued, and there were no protests received. OUTFRONT Media was a City partner, offers national and international advertising, they also demonstrate financial strength with sales and marketing agreements in 2018. Their South Florida market generated \$80 million in annual sales.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. What we'd like to share with you at this point is the four locations that been identified; they meet our very own code, our -- our Community Development Department Director has worked personally and this to ensure that they are in compliance. The first location is located at 15200 SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street, that's the I-75 location; that's where we currently have a three-million-gallon water storage tank. The second location is located at 4100 S Flamingo Road; that's where our -- our West Water Treatment Plant is located, and at that particular location, there's actually two billboards sited, one on each end of the -- of the property. The next location is a location on Miramar Parkway and I-75; that's a location that we deemed to -- to be our signature location, where we would like to put some very attractive features to that billboard to make it very aesthetically pleasing to the community. And the last location is the location right at the corner of our West Wastewater Reclamation Facility, and that's 13900 Pembroke -- Pembroke Road. After the bids came in, one of the requirements of the contract, it gives us the ability to negotiate further with the successful -- successful company. And I just want to highlight some of the -- some of our final negotiated deal points that allowed us to increase the overall dollar amount, which we'll talk about in a few minutes, increased overall dollar amount. One of the items in it that was very, very important to us, and that was the -- ensuring that we have a most favorite nation clause, and that clause is limited specifically to Broward County, and that says what that does for us, is that does not allow another -- another city in Broward County to cut a better deal -- should they cut a better deal, we become a recipient of that same deal. Secondly, it provides a 3.5 annual increase after the seventh year of the -- of the contract, and -- and thirdly, we were able to put some additional dollars into our community engagement initiative, and that aggregate amount is \$400,000.00 over the course of -- of the contract. And, fourthly, the utilization of the -- of the billboards for our own purposes. As I mentioned earlier, the ability to be able to market our city, both locally and nationally, as we're doing various



economic development initiatives to attract and bring -- bring businesses into our city, as well as when we are holding major concerts. And we would like for the entire country to know what's happening right here in Miramar. It would give us the opportunity to do that. This time, we'll have the finance -- the chief financial officer to come up and highlight some of the financial advantages that is before us. Thank you.

MS. GOODING-LIBURD: Thank you, Commissioners -- Mayor and Commissioners, Susan Gooding-Liburd, chief financial officer. So management has designated any funds received from this award to be utilized in the following manner: potential pledge revenue for any debt service; community engagement initiative, a portion to be utilized in our arts, workforce, and entertainment district, as well as our Innovation Technology Village. A must for any new revenue is to set aside some reserve. We will also be putting a portion to our economic development fund initiative, as well as the public utilities. Overall financial impact in the first year to the tune of \$3,269,464.00 broken down in the following manner: \$1,674,464.00 as the minimum annual guaranteed amount; \$20,000.00 for community engagement initiative; and \$1,575,000.00 as a signing bonus. Year two to six, we'll see a two-percent annual increase, and year seven to ten, that will escalate to a 3.5 increase. The City reserves the right to open for negotiation in the 11<sup>th</sup> year. So the overall term agreement of 20 years, our financial impact, with the minimum annual guaranteed amount, and the contribution to the tune of \$33,889,280.00. One more. With the signing bonus, that amount will be \$35,464,280.00. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Mr. Mayor and Commission, approval is recommended by the City Manager. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public? Good evening.

MS. SCIALABBA: Hi. Good evening. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street. First, I'd like to thank our City attorneys, City Manager's office, City staff, and everyone who worked on this proposal, and the first proposal that was presented May 15<sup>th</sup>. Your hard work is appreciated, and does not go unnoticed in our community. As I have said in the past, we need to look into future revenue streams coming into our city to decrease the tax burdens of our taxpayers. Thank you to the commission. You voted to go back to the drawing board, so to speak, that the City could do better, and they did. These approved -- I have one other question, as far as the yearly proposal, during times of declared weather emergencies, was going to display the emergency notification program. And, also, too, regarding display of amber alerts issued by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, if that's still in this. Please approve the award of request to OUTFRONT. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any other members from the public on this item? Yes, sir.

MR. MELE: Good evening. Dennis Mele, 200 E Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale. I represent OUTFRONT Media. We're very pleased to be ranked first for this item. We

were last time as well, and we thought we did a real good job last time, but we did a little better job this time and came up with some more money. To answer the questions that Ms. Scialabba just asked. Yes, the emergency notification system is part of this, as is the amber alert system. Other than that, if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public who wish to comment on this item? Any other members from the public? Going once -- all right, back to the dais. Commissioner Barnes, followed by Commissioner Chambers, then Vice Mayor Davis.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a couple of questions. We have shied away from this kind of activity in the past. I suspect, in part, because of an attempt to reduce visual pollution, and you actually mentioned the word aesthetics as well. I want to also think we shied away, because we wanted to stay from just sheer overcrowding. Especially after the information you shared with us earlier in -- in our meeting, tell our -- meeting, tell our residents who might be watching why this has been the right time to do this for the City of Miramar.

MR. BAKER: My -- at least my -- my summations, Mr. Commissioner, on it is it's a untapped market. As you travel 75 and the Turnpike, you will notice that there's absolutely nothing out there, and we've had provisions in our code that did not allow billboards in the past. So that took care of that. Again, you know, looking at it from a different standpoint, now that our city is well developed, and doing some real creative things locally and nationally. It seemed fitting that -- that the time is now to open it up, but to kind of sum up, the answer is that -- the mere fact that it is an untapped area, and companies such as billboard companies would love to corner this market, and lock this market in.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: And so when we ask you to rejigger some of the conditions, the billboard companies became a little more competitive?

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Hence -- hence our increase in revenue.

MR. BAKER: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Can you give us some details?

MR. BAKER: Yeah, the -- this -- this -- this -- this new process afforded us an opportunity to see in excess of roughly about eight million -- an \$8 million dollar increase over the 20-year term of the agreement.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. You know, I'm the kind of guy that 99.99 percent of the time I have a smile on my face, and it usually come from deep down. And tonight I'm -- I'm smiling, not as much, but insides it's light up. And I must say my fellow Commissioner is not here tonight, Commissioner Colbourne. And I remember when she made a request to go back out and it was pandemonium; the sky is falling, Miramar going to be burned down, and they're going to lose this thing. But, you know, this is why we, from time to time, support each other, because -- like my grandmother used to said: two head is better than one. And the five of us, so five heads are better than one. And we take chances, and tonight I'm very proud, and all of you going to get a title tonight. Everybody is a doctor in here tonight. Whatever department you represent, it Dr Norman over there, you know, so I'm excited for the City of Miramar, for the employees, for staff, as to what we're doing here, and -- and I'm very pleased with the -- the trajectory, path that we're on; just doing fantastic work here, and I'm very proud, very, very proud to be a part of it. And, like tonight, the lady walked in here with -- coming to protest that we're doing Section 8 in Miramar. Absolutely not true, and from time to time, they put out false information, and the people put out these false information; they don't even show up, they don't even come to the meeting. They stay behind and hide behind the wall, and throw stones, so. But I'm here to tell you that we are doing wonderful things here, and it's -- and people could see for themselves, so thank you so much, Mr. Baker and you and your staff are all doctorate degree tonight, thanks.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis, you're recognized.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Certainly, thank Assistant City Manager Kelvin Baker for his efforts, his vision, along with the City Manager's to bring in more revenue to the City. And, you know, to have the out of box -- out of the box kind of thinking that we need to ensure, as a Resident Scialabba had mentioned about not increasing the tax burden on our residents, and so this is one way to do that. I -- I do see where you -- and it was Susan, the CFO, who mentioned about the different -- where the monies are gonna go, and we had discussions previously, and I know it has to come up before the Commission again, in terms of the art in public places. I do want to see where once that all comes together, that we can put some money in that fund for art in public places if -- at some point before -- I guess they've got to acquire permits, everything gets flushed out that -- that can be an area where they will -- we will put some money in that fund.

MR. BAKER: Yes, ma'am.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I'd like to thank the staff for the -- this item that's coming before us. And I also would like to thank staff for including my recommendation after that meeting, when we --

was rejected. And for recollection and the record, what was -- would reflect was the reason for not approving was not because to try to get more money, it was just for other reasons. We just happened to get more money in the second go around, and I asked staff to make sure when that RFP goes back out, that a provision be put in that RFP that no bids come in below the amount of what was the prior winning bid.

MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: So it protected the City at a minimum, that we would get what was the winning bid from that night before, because we have a lot riding on this item. The initial, the -- the -- the revenue projections for the first year is going to be crucial in our upcoming budget, in terms of -- in terms of the resources that's going to be needed to lessen the blow and the impact to our General Fund, so. But when all things work for good, and -- and I'm happy to see that the prevailing company at least saw some silver lining at the end of the cloud that worked very hard with our staff to -- to -- to get that item across the finish line. So kudos to staff, kudos to the proposer, kudos to the Commission in our very spirited debate that night, because, in the end, it all worked out for the benefit of the -- the community. So, at the end of the day, the -- the residents of Miramar win. And when the residents win, all of us win, so thanks for all those. And thanks again, out front, for not walking away, because you could have, you know, you could have walked away, so thanks for -- for digging deeper and, perhaps, your margins may be a little less, but it's going to a good cause, a great city, and you have the market cornered on this side of the Turnpike and I-75. Thank you. May I take a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Question real quick. Can we get that 1.5 sign on up front?

MAYOR MESSAM: That's within so many days, right. It's 30 days we get it. Are you pushing it, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R6993, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Resolution No. 19-153**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 16, please.

16. Temp. Reso. #R6974 approving the **Program Year 2019 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan**; authorizing submission of the Program Year 2019 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (*Community Development Administrator Deborah Stevens*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 16 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, approving the Program Year 2019 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan; authorizing submission of the Program Year 2019 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MS. STEVENS: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Deborah Stevens, fine services commodator. This item is the Community Development Block Grant Action Plan for program year '19/'20. The City of Miramar is an entitlement city, and because of that, each year we are to develop and action plan. This action plan serves as an application for the Block Grant. This year, we expect to receive \$860,071.00

in funding for the program year '19/'20, which begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and ends September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. These funds can be used to revitalize neighborhoods, to provide decent and affordable housing, to expand economic opportunities, and also to improve community facilities and services. We are proposing the funds to be spent as follows: for residential rehab, \$449,046.00; for commercial rehab, \$100,000.00; for micro enterprise, \$10,000.00; for the Community Outreach Center services, \$129,010.00; and for program administration, \$172,014.00. The Community Development Block Grant requires what they call citizen participation. We have to have required meetings, and these were held. There were predevelopment meetings, there was meeting with United Neighbors of East Miramar, and also there were public notices placed in the newspapers, Miami Herald and Sun Sentinel, and this time around we added two local newspapers, Caribbean Today and Caribbean Weekly. There was a 30-day public comment period, there's a public hearing tonight, and any comments received tonight will be included when the action plan is submitted to HUD. The City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you for the presentation. Are there members from the community that wish to speak on this item? Any other members from the community that wish to speak on this item? Back to the dais. Any comments or questions. Seeing -- well, before we take the motion for the vote, I would also recommend that we also advertise in the La Floridian, the Haitian circulation as well.

MS. STEVENS: Okay. We'll add that to it.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. May I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Resolution #R6974, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Resolution No. 19-154**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 17, please.

17. **SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1705 considering **Application No. 1807190** for a small scale **Comprehensive Plan Amendment** to the **Future Land Use Map** of the Future Land Use Element of the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan, changing from institutional and public facilities to commercial the future land use designation of the approximately 3-acre real property (also designated as Tract D on the unrecorded Plat of Foxcroft), located on the north side of Miramar Parkway, about 600 feet west of Douglas Road, and legally described with Broward County Folio Number 5141-2901-0100, in accordance with Sections 163.3174, 163.3177, 163.3184(11) and 163.3187, Florida Statutes, Article 1 of the Administrative Rules Document BrowardNext, and Section 303 of the City of Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing definitions; providing for transmittal to the Broward County Planning Council and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for adoption; providing for recertification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. ***(Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on 11/28/18) (Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)***

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 17 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Application No. 1807190 for a small scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Future Land Use Element of the City of Miramar Comprehensive Plan, changing from institutional and public facilities to commercial, the future land use designation of the approximately 3-acre real property (also designated as Tract D on the unrecorded Plat of Foxcroft), located on the north side of Miramar Parkway, about 600 feet west of Douglas Road, and legally described with Broward County Folio Number 5141-2901-0100, in accordance with Sections 163.3174, 163.3177, 163.3184(11) and 163.3187, Florida Statutes, Article 1 of the Administrative Rules Document BrowardNext, and Section 303 of the City of Miramar Land Development Code; making findings; providing definitions; providing for transmittal to the Broward County Planning Council and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for adoption; providing for recertification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Good evening.

MR. SILVA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. Item 17 is related to item 22, the rezoning, so usually we do one presentation for both.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: 22 is quasi-judicial, so we will have to have people sworn in. I'll read the procedures for quasi-judicial proceedings. Florida Courts have determined that there are certain types of matters, including the following applications, which are to be treated differently than other issues considered by the Commission. Most decisions of the Commission are legislative in nature, which means that the Commission is acting as a policymaking body. In contrast, in quasi-judicial matters, the Commission is applying existing rules and policies to a factual situation and is, therefore acting like a judge or a jury in a courtroom. In such cases, the courts have decided that due process and fundamental fairness requires that more formal procedures be followed. The City of Miramar's procedures for quasi-judicial hearings are as follows: all who wish to speak shall be collectively sworn in by the City Clerk. The hearings will be conducted in an informal manner. I will read the title of the item to be considered, City Staff shall present a brief synopsis of the application and make a recommendation, next will be a presentation by the applicant. The Commission will then hear from participants in favor of and in opposition to the application. All witnesses are subject to cross examination by City staff, City Commission and the applicant, and a participant may request that the Commission ask questions of a witness. The applicant and staff will make concluding remarks. No further presentations or testimony shall be permitted, and the public hearing will then be closed. All decisions of the Commission must be based upon competent, substantial evidence presented to it at the hearing. All backup materials provided to the City Commission as part of the agenda will automatically be made a part of the record at the hearing. All approvals will be subject to the staff recommended conditions, unless otherwise stated in the motion for approval.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: All of those wishing to provide testimony on the following quasi-judicial items please stand and raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Please remain standing to receive a colored dot.

- 22. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1725 considering **Application No. 1902591** for a change to the official zoning map of the City of Miramar, **Rezoning** from CF, Community Facilities, to ML, Mixed-Use Low, for an approximately 5.8-acre real property (also designated as Tract C and Tract D on the unrecorded plat of Foxcroft), located on the north side of Miramar Parkway, about 800 feet west of Douglas Road, in accordance with Sections 301 and 304 of the City's Land Development Code; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an



effective date. ***(Passed 1st Reading on 06/12/19) (Community & Economic Development Principal Planner Michael Alpert)***

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: I'll read item 22. Item number 22 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Application No. 1902591 for a change to the official zoning map of the City of Miramar, Rezoning from CF, Community Facilities, to ML, Mixed-Use Low, for an approximately 5.8-acre real property (also designated as Tract C and Tract D on the unrecorded plat of Foxcroft), located on the north side of Miramar Parkway, about 800 feet west of Douglas Road, in accordance with Sections 301 and 304 of the City's Land Development Code; making findings; providing for adoption; providing for severability; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

MR. SILVA: Thank you. This presentation covers two items, Temporary Ordinance #1705 and Temporary Ordinance #1725. The site is the former public safety sight, just to the west of Douglas on Miramar Parkway shown here in yellow. The first application is our Future Land Use Map amendment; the City is the applicant in this case. We're proposing to change the land use designation to commercial to permit residential uses and support commercial uses. The City Commission unanimously passed this small-scale amendment on first reading on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This process is required and to go through Broward County and the State. There's approval at Broward County on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. That's two hearings at the Broward County Planning Council, and two hearings at the Broward County Commission. This is the last action for this item, with the City Commission second reading for the Land Use Plan Map amendment. We had here the fore -- the before and after slide. Shown in blue, that's the current designation of the site; it's approximately three acres institution and public facilities, and the goal is to change it to commercial, so have it going from the corner on Douglas on commercial, the gas station and CVS, the vacant lot in the middle will also be commercial, and the fire station property and part of the adult daycare also are already commercial. Zoning application: currently on the zoning map, it's designated community facilities. Community facilities right now does not permit residential uses. The City is trying to change this to a designation called mixed use low. This provides for a full range of commercial and residential uses. A community meeting was held in May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the City Commission, on first reading, approved this for the mixed use low designation. The zoning map: the zoning map on the left shows the parcel now, the community facilities designation in green, and we're going to change the whole area, both the vacant lot, the adult daycare and the fire station, all to mixed use low, so it's all consistent. The goal: the goal of both the Land Use Map amendment and the rezoning is to build a senior residential facility. We're trying to have a public partnership to provide for senior affordable housing, then on the first floor, we'd like to have some support uses, maybe like a hair salon or a shop or a café, so seniors will have some activities on that first floor. And this graphic here shows an elevation of what it could look like. We haven't seen the site plan yet, but we did receive this, so we're anticipating about five stories with a covered area at the bottom for walking in comfort when training in the sunshine, and also a connection to the other uses at the corner.

Recommendation is for approval of both the Land Use Map amendment and the rezoning application.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Normally, we would ask if the applicant has something to say, but the City is the applicant, so does the Commission have any questions for staff? Or if you want to hold, and then -- then after our initial questions, I go to the public, so -- are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street. I just want to clarify that this is affordable rentals for seniors, yes?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

MS. SCIALABBA: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Good evening, sir.

MR. PEDLAR: Good afternoon, Members of the Commission. George Pedlar, 3210 Crystal Lake, Miramar, River Run. I'm happy to comment on this particular item for the fact that I live in River Run, which this particular location is a gateway to River Run, and I've treasured that particular location for the past few years. I'm really happy when I got the letter that there's a proposal to rezone, and I was concerned when I saw the word commercial, but then after my investigation, I understand that you really meant mixed use. And I was really heartened by what I saw from the presentation, as well as the fact that staff explained to me exactly what was intended. It's -- like I said, this is a gateway to River Run, which is a very small community, and we pride it; we want to keep it extremely docile as it is, and with the proposal of living for seniors, we can live with that. Because I remember the original proposal to change it commercial some years ago was a big fight, the whole city, all those days, and I didn't want that to happen again, but, happily, I'm pleased to see what's suggested, and I'm asking that you approve this. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any other members? Seeing none, back to the dais. The line is Vice Mayor Davis followed by Commissioner Chambers.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Silva, for that presentation, and also for the proposal to build senior affordable housing in Miramar. Oftentimes, you do find seniors asking, you know, where is there affordable housing for seniors, 55 and over, etc. And there is only one such facility currently in Sherman Circle at Heron Point. And so having this facility in Miramar will do -- will serve the seniors very well. When I talk to the applicant as far as the price structure for like a one bedroom, it's somewhere in the 800 region, \$800.00 region, and even there will be some that are even, I believe, lower and maybe, you know, they can explain on that. A few will be much lower for those indigent

folks. And the fact that it is right next door to our senior daycare facility also is -- is very heartening as well, and the fact that we have two robust senior centers, we need to provide housing for seniors. After a while, the houses are too large, they want to sell, they want to scale down, and many have to go to other cities for that type of condo living that's affordable. So this is great, I am very pleased that this facility is coming to Miramar, and I'm certainly ready to approve the item.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mayor. You know, this is my item. This is my request. It doesn't have my name on it, but who care, it doesn't matter, as long as the end result is what we want and what we're going to approve. But it's -- after talking to so many seniors over the years in Miramar, and some that moved away from Miramar, and looking for somewhere affordable to live, and so many seniors want to come back to Miramar, this was the place that I see was most appropriate to suggest for us to build a senior facility because of the location. And once we're not using it for public safety building anymore, this was the site that I see that would work well in terms of public transportation and the daycare. This year we working on it, and I think we can take suggestions, we can tweak it, but the most thing we moving forward with it, so my only concern is affordable for our seniors. So once it's affordable, the building is safe, it's going to be run well, clean and safe, everything should be good. And our seniors -- and also when I mentioned using this lot for senior citizen, also include some of our veterans, so we want to make sure that some of our veterans and seniors is the recipient of this building when it's done. So it looks good. Want to make sure we can maximize the use of it, so anyone have any question or anything that need to be tweak, let's tweak it and move on. Let our seniors have a place to live out the rest of their life comfortable, and their children and their grandchildren and their friends can stop by and see them and have a wonderful time, so thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. No other questions? All right. Well, we look forward to the ultimate proposal process going through. Definitely meets a demand in this -- in this community, so it looks like a wonderful prospective project, so looking forward to getting more details and for this Commission's consideration. At this time, I'll take a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Orlando #O1705, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Ordinance No. 19-18**

MAYOR MESSAM: That's for item 17. Item number 22, may I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Ordinance #O1725, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Ordinance No. 19-20**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 18, please.

- 18. SECOND READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1706 amending the City's Code of Ordinances at Chapter 9 "Fire Prevention and Protection," by creating Article IX "**Automated External Defibrillators and Stop the Bleed Kits**"; and providing for an effective date. *(Passed 1st Reading on 04/17/19) (Requested by Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers) (Fire-Rescue Chief Robert Palmer and Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 18 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the City's Code of Ordinances at Chapter 9 "Fire Prevention and Protection," by creating Article IX "Automated External Defibrillators and Stop the Bleed Kits"; and providing for an effective date.

CHIEF PALMER: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Assistant City Manager, City staff, this is for our second reading for the AEDs. The presentation hasn't change. The only thing that we made sure in the ordinance, that we're allowing three years for the business owners to comply with the -- with the ordinance. I'd be more than happy to go through the presentation if you'd like to again. I know you've seen it already a few times.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Not necessary.

MAYOR MESSAM: No. So I don't need a -- but we have to provide the public an opportunity to comment. So if there are any members from the public that wish to comment on this item, for the second reading of this item. Seeing none, back to the dais. May I have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Chambers to approve Ordinance #O1706, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

### **Ordinance No. 19-19**

CHIEF PALMER: Thank you.

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

MAYOR MESSAM: Item number 19, please.

19. Temp. Reso. #R6992 considering **Variance Application No. 1900213** from Land Development Code Section 402.7, Table 402-2 Bulk Regulations Rural and SFR Residential Districts, for the minimum front yard distance of 20 feet for eight homes where 25 feet is required; for a single family Development (**Toledo Isles**) consisting of twenty homes on a 9.58-acre site, located west of Dykes Road, south of Miramar Parkway and north of Bass Creek Road. (*Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva*)

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 19 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Variance Application No. 1900213 from Land Development Code Section 402.7, Table 402-2 Bulk Regulations Rural and SFR Residential Districts, for the minimum front yard distance of 20 feet for eight homes where

25 feet is required; for a single family Development (Toledo Isles) consisting of twenty homes on a 9.58-acre site, located west of Dykes Road, south of Miramar Parkway and north of Bass Creek Road, and providing for an effective date.

MAYOR MESSAM: Welcome back.

MR. SILVA: Good evening again, Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. This application is for a project called Toledo Isles. It's for a setback variance. Toledo Isles is a single-family development consisting of 20 units on just about ten acres. The zoning is residential three, the land use designation is estate. This is a previously approved site plan. The property is actually under construction, and they have eight parcels that are requesting -- they're requesting to have a front setback of 20 feet, where 25 feet is required by the code, so it's a difference of -- a difference of five feet. This shows the location on Dykes Road just south of Miramar Parkway in red. And this is the plan. This -- this colored graphic shows the 20 homes, and those parcels where that five-foot setback variance is requested right around cul-de-sacs are, and recommendation is for approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any members from the public wish to comment on this item? Does the applicant have any comments?

MR. VALBE: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commission. My name is Carlos Valbe. I'm representing the applicant, Mattamy Homes. If you have any questions, I'll be willing to answer, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Back to the dais. Any questions? No questions, I'll take a motion.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Resolution #R6992, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

### **Resolution No. 19-155**

MAYOR MESSAM: As noted earlier, item 20 has been continued to August 21<sup>st</sup>, '19.

- 20.** Temp. Reso. #R6998 considering **Conditional Use** Application No. 1900388, **Site Plan** Application No. 1900384 and **Community Appearance Board** Application No. 1900385, for **Casa Sant'Angelo Senior Housing**, located at 16800 Miramar Parkway. *(Staff recommends continuance to the meeting of 08/21/19) (Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

**The vote to continue the subject item was taken just prior to the Proclamations and Presentations agenda item.**

### **Cont'd. to 8/21/2019**

MAYOR MESSAM: Number -- item number 21, please.

- 21. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1726 considering **Application No. 1901434, Rezoning** a 33.84-acre property from Community Business (B2) to Mixed-Use Low (ML), located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Flamingo Road; and providing for an effective date. *(Community & Economic Development Director Eric Silva)*

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 21 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, considering Application No. 1901434, Rezoning of three -- 33.84-acre property from Community Business (B2) to Mixed-Use Low (ML), located at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Flamingo Road; and providing for an effective date.

MR. SILVA. Good evening again. Eric Silva, Community & Economic Development. This is a new application; it's for a project called Miramar Station, and this is just the rezoning



application. The location of the project: it's a vacant lot right at the northeast corner of Miramar Parkway and Flamingo Road shown here in red. The parcel size: this is the first reading before you tonight. The parcel size is about 34 acres, and the request is to go from B2, business use, to mixed use low. Some of you might recall this is the parcel that was approved for the Walmart shopping plaza a few years ago. So the land use designation for this property is regional activity center. The community meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, Planning & Zoning on June 11<sup>th</sup> did recommend denial of this project, and the discussion about issues related to concerns with traffic, the rental-type units was the discussion, and the advertising. So tonight is just the first reading for the rezoning. Later on in the future, you will see an application for a site plan; we're reviewing that now. The reason why we're going to this mixed use designation is the applicant is looking to build about 648 homes, multifamily apartments, and then about 3,000 square feet of commercial use on the corner there. So the issue before you, this parcel is vacant now. It's surrounded by both commercial uses and residential uses. To the west, you might recall just behind the CVS there we had a Publix plaza come in last year, so that was approved for development, a Publix plaza with a whole bunch of other uses, like a - - a Ross, other retail and restaurant type uses. To the north under construction right now is a shopping plaza that was called The Grove that came before you a couple years ago, and to the south, you've got the Kohl's plaza, and then apartments in the area also. There's a lot of different types of uses in the area. It's all consistent with the land use, which is regional activity center, and that was always the goal, to have mixed use type development in the area, as well as -- this also covers the DRI; it's consistent with that -- the Development Regional Impact. The recommendation is for approval on first reading.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. The applicant like to have a word?

MR. MELE: Thank you. Dennis Mele, 200 E Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, on behalf of the applicant. Just a few items, and these are some questions that I was asked before, so I thought I would just cover them now. So I heard the Commission talking about affordable housing earlier, I know how important that issue is in Miramar and throughout South Florida. Of our 648 units, 84 of them would qualify as affordable, so that's 13 percent of the total. Now I've been told when I talk about affordable housing, rather than talking about percentages and -- and indexes, and so on, to talk about it in practical terms. So in practical terms, what we're talking about -- you often will have young police officers -- when I say young, just many, they don't have a lot of seniority, so they haven't moved up the pay scale, young fire fighters, young teachers. These are the types of units that people like that will be able to live here, and we think that's very important. I was also asked about traffic. Because the property has already been approved for a major shopping center, if it was built that way, it would have significantly more traffic than what it will have as a result of what we're doing. And when the site plan comes and we can show that, we can show you the previously approved site plan that had the Walmart Neighborhood Market, and L.A. Fitness and the other uses, and we can show you the combination of commercial and residential that we have, and it is significantly lower traffic generation. Just a couple of technical things. If you saw some of the plans that we have submitted, because although we have a rezoning tonight, we

have already submitted a site plan, which is under review at DRC. So you may have seen elevation drawings in those packages that showed an ALDI grocery store, and showed a Chick-fil-A restaurant. So I've been asked -- and this isn't the first place I've been asked about this. Chick-fil-A tends to have a lot of people in the drive thru, so I reviewed with our traffic engineer and with your City engineer what we did to make sure we addressed that. So the ITE, which is the Institute of Transportation Engineers, it's a nationwide organization. They look at all these types of issues, usually recommends 12-vehicle stacking for a drive thru, and usually they say the maximum is 13. Well, we know for Chick-fil-A you need more. So what we did -- there's a Chick-fil-A at the Tower Shops, which is at University Drive just south of 595 in Davie and, apparently, it is one of the busiest Chick-fil-As in their system in South Florida, because it's right off the expressway. So we did a study there, and the maximum number of vehicles we saw in the drive thru at any time was 31, which is a lot. If you were number 31 in line, you would say that's a lot.

MAYOR MESSAM: That's a lot of "eat more chicken -- eat more beef".

MR. MELE: Right. So we have stacking at our site for 38 vehicles, be -- much beyond the 31 that they -- maximum they showed in Davie. Also, I want to point out that my client who is proposing to build this project just recently built a very similar beautiful luxury apartment development in Coconut Creek on Sample Road near Lyons Road. And if you see it, it's got a beautiful piece of public art right in front. And so we would propose to do the same thing here when we bring in the site plan. We'll show that to you, and we hope you like what you see. Also, at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting, there was a question about a public notice, because not a lot of people came out. And I think people remember that many, many years ago when the Walmart Neighbor -- when the Walmart Superstore was proposed, a lot of people came out. So we had another neighborhood meeting last night. I believe we had two people in attendance, one of whom represents The Grove, which is the shopping plaza to the north that's going in, who was actually very pleased he said to see what we were doing, because we have some retail, but we've got people that can shop at his shopping center. The other thing I want to point out, there was questions about the notice. The City of Miramar notice perimeter is you send mailed notice to everyone within 1,000 feet of the site. Most cities that we go to, that notice perimeter is 350 feet, 450 feet; I've seen some cities that go as high as 600 feet. I've never seen anyone that does 1,000 feet except you. So when you think about your public notice, you're doing better than anybody else to notify as many people as possible. There were 693 notices that went out, so that's the number of properties within that 1,000 feet, and I think -- as I said, we had two people at the community meeting last night. We had two people at the earlier community meeting that Mr. Silva mentioned, and I believe at P&Z, we had -- no one attended, but someone wrote a letter. How many you may have tonight, I don't know. At the end of the public comment period, I'd like the opportunity to respond as appropriate. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item?

MS. SCIALABBA: Good evening. Debra Scialabba, 6490 SW 26 Street. I want to thank Mr. Mele for having that second neighborhood meeting. I know I wish we were -- we were -- we were asking -- we requested that, actually. Also, too, I want to remind you Sorento is right there on Flamingo, and there's always a waiting list to get in, so with the 84, 13 percent of affordable rentals, that would take some of the burden, you know, the burden off of the waiting list at Sorento right there on Flamingo. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? State your name and address for the record.

MR. YUILL: I'm Phillip Yuill from 4050 SW 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I was one of the guys at that meeting, but I just thought I'd write a few notes. I don't you usually use notes, but I do this much, but there you go. I was the one who sent the letter with the email and, hopefully, Michael -- I don't know where he is, but Michael Alpert can provide you with that, and you can, maybe, review that email I sent, and go over all the points slowly and concisely. But, basically, the points were promote the planning work better. I know you had the second public hearing, but you probably did the same thing as you did in the first one. You do kind of advertising boards, and I don't really think it's enough. The boards are tiny, and nobody really walks in Miramar, Florida, much. I do, but not many people do, and you can't really stop your car, because it's in moving traffic lane. Unless you're on a red light, you can see it. You need to do bigger advertising boards, and I think you need to increase your radius. I know he said 1,000 feet's quite big compared to other cities, but 1,000 feet really doesn't touch upon many people. People next door are renters. They're probably not going to turn up, because they're not really here for long term, for the most part, in Miramar. They are a few, obviously, in Miramar. I mean you've got the lakes to the west, and you didn't touch my house, which is Country Club Ranches, but if you maybe expand it to two miles or something like that, it might be better. And larger signs, as I say and, maybe, a little bit more info on letters you send to the public. I know you just send these letters, which just say from B2 to mixed use, ML, but nobody really knows what that means. I think if you put, maybe, a site plan, they'll be a bit more wary or positive about the proposed development. Secondly, the delay -- I think you should delay the zoning application, because you already have developments to the west, to the north, and you also have to the Flamingo work, which are going on because of the Turnpike expansion. So you got like three or four developments. And also to the west as well, you've just approved 650 rental apartments, I think, on the corner of Red Road and Miramar Parkway. So you've got all these four or five developments happening. I think you should wait for this to finish to see the kind of community infrastructure effects before you change the zoning on this one. Because if you change the zoning on this one, you're then, you know, ready to kind of almost go ahead. This is the first step towards it happening. So I don't see the point in doing it straight away. You may have to just wait and bide your time and see what happens in regards to the community and the infrastructure once all these developments are completed. I don't know the time -- sorry

-- sorry, just -- yeah. Rental apartments. I think it's a bad idea. I'll go through these quickly. I think the -- the people who own the project, I think it's the Ansin family or something based around these guys, and I don't know, it seems as though they've got Miramar in their back pocket, but what do I know. Impact fee I think should be spread. I know they're going to do a piece of artwork, I've just heard, which would be great, but maybe something a bit more useful to the public, and --

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

MR. YUILL: Yeah. Basically, just like in 30 years' time, you're really going to remember these rental apartments.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, sir.

MR. YUILL: Yeah. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Are there any members from the -- any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Any other members from the public that wish to comment on this item? Seeing none, back to the dais. Do we have any questions or comments? If not, -- all right. May have one speaker; Commissioner Barnes, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just a question for staff. We keep hearing mixed use. Explain for residents especially what this designation means, and how it facilitates developers who would have want to come in in the past but couldn't, because this wasn't a reality.

MR. SILVA: Sure. Eric Silva, City staff. We are in the western part of the County, so usually, you think of mixed use being like downtown Fort Lauderdale, or downtown Miami, but just like the previous application with the public safety building, we rezoned that to mixed use, want to rezone this to mixed use. One of the best ways to combat the traffic issues that we have is to create more mixed use projects. We have one here at Town Center, want to have one at the public safety area, want to have one here at Flamingo and Miramar Parkway. So what that does is people staying in an apartment, know they can walk to their shopping, they can walk to their food, they can walk and buy their clothes, they can walk to work. That's the idea. We're trying to create these hubs throughout the City where there's no need to get in your car, or at least cut down the number of trips and the times you have to get in your car, because everybody in South Florida still has a car for most things.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: I like to use our immediate neighbors to -- to the northeast of us. I remember plans being laid and talked about regarding the mixed use just right here, even before the police headquarters came into existence. And it's -- it's a pride of - - it's -- it's -- it's point of strong pride for me to -- to hear all of this talked about plan, and what -- what really pleases me, we'll end a Commission meeting, and you go and see

people just coming back from jogging, walking their dog, and that was just this wide, open space once upon a time. That there's that matter of -- of traffic. We're talking about a concentration of -- of residential space, but the fact that you are in such close proximity to shopping and a number of other services and restaurants as well. That is what makes mixed use work in our city and, as you've said, in a number of other situations, they have worked so far. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I -- I think it's -- this piece of property is way overdue for development. We missed the boat a while back when Super Walmart, but we're here now. And the one thing I'm hoping that, moving forward, for whatever property that we have left, we could create some homes that people could purchase, something in the \$200,000.00 range, maximum, 250. I'm just hoping for that. We could, at this point, other than what we have on the books already to come, we can move away from rental a little bit and start to move to homeowners -- affordable home. So that's my, maybe, wishful thinking, I hope.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. With regards to, I guess, the need for housing is really what's really crucial here in the City of Miramar, and the fact is that the rental prices are very high because of the demand. There is just not enough housing to go around, and so the costs are very prohibitive. We need folks to be able to live and work and enjoy Miramar, and they have to be able to live someplace to do it. Now I -- I -- I want the applicant to explain some of the other complexes that you have in Miramar, for example, and the occupancy levels, because clearly there's a need, and if people can't find places to -- to live, that's going to be an issue. And the other issue is, in terms of qualifying to purchase homes, many cannot qualify, and it's harder now after the downturn for folks to be able to qualify to buy, and so the demand on the rentals has increased because of it, and we have to kind of meet that demand. So how are your other places doing? Is there a need for this? And, you know, explain that for me.

MR. MELE: So this will be our third development in Miramar. The first one was already built called Atlantico. It's on the south side of the Turnpike Extension, and we're 96 percent -- 96 percent occupied. Keep in mind that it's rare that you're ever 100 percent. You know, somebody moves in, somebody else doesn't move in for a month later, but 96 percent occupied is very good. Our second development, Catalina, we're just starting construction now, but we have -- we believe we will have that leased up as fast as we can build it. And then your point about qualifying for mortgages is a very good one. We know that one of the things that help bring about the downturn in this country 11 years ago was mortgage brokers giving mortgages they shouldn't have given. So what happened is the pendulum swung totally the other way, and now, to get a mortgage, you have to come up with more money, you have to show a longer history of earnings, and it's just harder to qualify. Also, the down payment requirements are higher. The other thing that happened

is in the 2005/2006 range, many apartment complexes in this area were converted to condominiums, and so that way with drew -- drew down the supply of rental housing as well, so there definitely is demand that exceeds supply, and that's why the prices are the way they are. And, of course, the land prices are very high too, and it's a very desirable area in Miramar. You still have some vacant land left. There are other cities in Broward County that have none, so it's a very desirable place to be. So I think that all of the things that we've heard tonight about mixed use and what that does, and how it works, and how it tends to cut down traffic and make people more social with their neighbors, plus the need for housing, but also good retail that we're putting in as well. So we think you'll be very pleased when we come back with the site plan, and we're hoping that you feel good about the rezoning this evening. And just one other comment I want to make. I -- I -- the one speaker -- 693 notices, one person. We must be doing something right. When you look at the notice map, it touches areas of many communities. It touches areas of Monarch Lakes, the single-family portion, and the townhouse portion, Country Club Ranches, and also the developments to our east. I also think what you require, in terms of public outreach, not only the 1,000-foot limit, but you require community meetings. You're one of the first cities to do that. In many cities, you just file your application, and you come to the hearing, and if somebody shows up, you talk to them. You don't do it that way. You require us to send the same notice for a informal meeting, where people who might not want to stand up in an environment like this and ask questions and get answers, and you were one of the first cities to do that, so I think you do a very good job in public outreach. Other than that, if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers -- are you done, Vice Mayor?

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes, thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I think I must say one of the things that hurt the housing market was greed and stupidity. A lot of people were greedy, doing things that they wasn't supposed to be doing, and ripping people off, and some people was kind of stupid. But I beg to differ on the homeowners, because for most people, the only way they have some savings is in their home, and people need to own their own place to create some stability, especially for people of -- in the minority, people of color, Hispanic and so forth, so. And there's so many avenue out there where people can get loans, and come up with even smaller down payment. One of the problems I'm having with these exorbitant down payment for rental, where a lot of persons cannot come up with three ways and so forth, and I've seen where it would be easier to purchase a home, talking to a lot of real estate personnel and broker. There are so many avenue now that has relaxed for people to

purchase homes. I think where some people have a little issue is maintaining that home. But if one can come up with a pretty decent credit and a small down payment, they can acquire a home if it's available at the price that they can afford, and that's a problem. Everything is over 300,000 and up, 340, 400, and the average working person making what, minimum wage or a living wage, \$12.00 an hour, they can't live here in Miramar. Even \$15.00 an hour. And, I guess, the way of the future is to team up. It takes three and four people to qualify for a mortgage these days. If you look at some of the Broward County website, especially in people of Latin, they do team up and get a -- a home. But it is what it is. I guess rental is here to stay for now, and I'm only hoping that we can provide some two to 250 home for people to purchase. I know we're not making any more land, so, I don't know, I might be dreaming. Thanks.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner. My meeting with the -- with the applicant about this project, I'm happy to see the development moving forward, and I did bring -- in terms of my conversation with them, the concern I have in regards to the City of Miramar last year being ranked the number one least afforded -- affordable community in the State. This current year, we got a little bit better, now we're number two. Fort Lauderdale leap frogged us. But there's an explanation for that. We don't have any public housing authorities here. We don't have any subsidized housing projects in the City of Miramar to kind of offset those rates. So as we are developing and completing our development of our green space in Miramar, what has happened is the inventory that has been developed has been market rate, luxury apartments. So I -- I brought the -- this fact up in the meeting to say that -- that I'm looking for developers who, recognizing that this is their private property, recognizing that they've made significant investments to acquire these properties, and the -- the economics have to make sense. We can make a lot of demands, but if the economics don't make sense, the developers just can't make it happen, because, you know, it -- it would be prohibitive. However, in this specific case, where this is a rental community, and with the developer recognizing our challenges in the City of Miramar, and having the -- bringing forward nearly 100 or 84 units that would be units that can be afforded by those individuals that are starting their careers. They may not necessarily be in the higher income brackets, 84 units, which is 13 percent, which is actually higher than what we're going to be getting in Block II from a percentage standpoint, is -- I think the developer, recognizing that challenge and showing good faith to the community. That although they are a for-profit, it is a private investment, and it has to make sense for themselves, they're investors, that they recognize this, and have come up with a mixture of units that would be able to help meet the demand of individuals that, otherwise, would not be able to afford to live in this development. And I support their -- their effort in presenting that. I will push for them to see if they can squeeze some more out or especially -- at least for those units recognized, and what Commissioner Chambers stated, in terms of the demands of these security deposits for rentals. Perhaps, for those individuals that would qualify for the smaller units, perhaps working with those individuals who may be challenged in coming up with -- you know, with -- with that, so -- but these are just real situations that potential renters are facing. These are realities in our community, and when we have a developer than can be flexible to make a project work and come forward, I think we should embrace that. I do think in years prior, with the

approval of a lot of these other developments, we've missed an opportunity to have the same discussion, which -- perhaps even more inventory would have been available, because those developments, they've only been built within the last four to five years, especially around the Turnpike. So I'm glad that, as a commission, I also hear my colleagues as well that raise this as an important issue in the City of Miramar. So we realize it's a partnership, it's a -- it's a -- it's a teamwork, but if you didn't -- if you didn't need the entitlement, right -- because you are coming to the City asking for change. So -- so because you need the authority of the City to give you the entitlements to build what you want to build, what we're asking in return is to help us address this glaring issue in our community, while allowing you the flexibility to see how to make that work, where it still works for you, and your investors, and the team that will be bringing this development forward. So I commend you on that, and wish you well on the project.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Mayor, I --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I hope no one think that I'm complaining. I'm really just --

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- explaining.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: At this point, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Motion to approve.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.



VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Commissioner Chambers, seconded by Vice Mayor Davis, to approve Ordinance #O1726, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for August 21, 2019

MAYOR MESSAM: And the second reading is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Have a good evening. Item number 22, please.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: No.

MAYOR MESSAM: Was that 22?

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: No, no, no. We did 22 already.

MAYOR MESSAM: Oh, yeah, that was together, that's right. I didn't mark it off. Okay.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

MAYOR MESSAM: All right, all right, all right. On to -- actually, no, we have -- first this -  
- Item number 23, please.

- 23. FIRST READING** of Temp. Ord. #O1727 amending the City Code at Chapter 2 "Administration," Article III "Boards, Committees and Commissions," Division 6 "Teen Council Advisory Board," Section 2-105.5 to provide for additional members; and providing for an effective date. *(Requested by Vice Mayor Alexandra P. Davis) (City Attorney Alison Smith)*

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: Item number 23 is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, amending the City Code at Chapter 2 "Administration," Article III

“Boards, Committees and Commissions,” Division 6 “Teen Council Advisory Board,” Section 2-105.5 to provide for additional members; and providing for an effective date.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH: This was Vice Mayor’s item.

MAYOR MESSAM: We have a presentation?

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GORDON: Yes.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GORDON: Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor and Commission, ACM Gordon. Tennille Decoste, Park & Recs Department, and I’m presenting the Teen Council Advisory Board. Just to give you a little background, pursuant to Resolution 982 -- excuse me, 98-260, the City Commission created the Teen Council Advisory Board, and Resolution 00-96, the City Commission completed all the appointments, but the board became inactive, and no further appointments were made. Ordinance 08-11 was created to reestablish the Teen Council Advisory Board. Currently, right now, we have -- the Board consists of ten members; each member from the City Commission appoints two members. Appointments expire at the end of the year, or upon the sunset of the Teen Council, whichever shall first occur. We’re proposing the following changes: there shall be two additional members appointed by a majority vote of the City Commission as a whole; the term of the office of each member shall be through high school, not at every year or removal from the Board by the City Commission, as provided in section 2.51, which means they’ll be removed from the Board if they miss too many -- if they have too many absences. Reappointments, if necessary, should be made in June of each year, instead of September, and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption in the second reading. City Manager recommends approval.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you. Are there any members from the public that wish to comment on this item, number 23? Any members from the public? Seeing none, back to the dais. Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you Tennille and Liz, and your staff of course, Billy, you’re here. We certainly appreciate your input in this. The Teen Council, as you mentioned, was defunct for some time until I’m -- I’m pleased to say that I, on the Commission at the time, recommended that we reestablish the Teen Council, and not just reestablish it, but ensure that we include middle school students, which, in the past, they did not. I’m pleased to see that we have moved along with the Teen Council under your leadership. Even, I believe, last year, they went to Tallahassee and were, you know, part of a Teen Council throughout Florida there. And so I think this move is a good move. It adds some stabilization, rather than changing people, because by the time the school year starts, next thing you know, they’re off, and you have a whole new council again. So I certainly appreciate your effort here and, hopefully, moving forward, that we’ll have a very robust Teen Council under your leadership. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you so much, Vice Mayor. And I just have a question, because from time to time I get requests from middle school and high school, but then the opportunity for high school student, especially 12<sup>th</sup> grader, to serve vanish, because there's only so many you can appoint. And when someone from middle school give you a letter that heartbreaking, you really have to appoint the person. I'm not sure - - It bother me sometime not able to utilize all the high school student before they graduate. I'm not sure how you guys feel about that, you know, try to keep it more high school student, give them the opportunity before they leave high school, while we can replenish with the middle school and the lower grade, tenth grade and so forth. I'm not sure.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Just to address that. We do have a Youth Advisory Council that is restricted to high school, and so at the time with the Teen Council, then you had another high school. Children at the age in middle school, that's the time when they really need something to do. High school, you kind of have direction in your life, you have your goals, you know where you're going, you focused on your schoolwork. But as a middle school teacher myself, I realize the need to really engage these students. In fact, they were the ones that brought the idea of nothing to do at the parks, really. We have elementary and high school, they really don't go to parks, but you have those tweens, and they had brought forth the idea of a State park, just to suit their needs. So we need everybody's input. And to just have -- in fact, in the islands, as you know, high school starts in middle school, and some places in the country, it's middle and high school are in the same junior high, so they are -- they are high school students, but under the name middle school. So we're not going to try to leave them out, Commissioner. We need -- isn't your daughter in middle school? Isn't your daughter in middle school? Yeah. So they have a lot of input.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: We always supported our children, you know, and --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: All right.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I wish we could, you know, just --

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: That's where that's coming from.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- do them all. That's our best asset that we have, children, you know. I mean it's just so -- it's adorable and so loving and giving, you know. Thank you, though, Vice Mayor, thank you so much.

MAYOR MESSAM: All right. Seeing no other speakers, may I have a motion, please.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Second.

MAYOR MESSAM: Record the votes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Barnes.

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Yes.

CITY CLERK GIBBS: Mayor Messam.

MAYOR MESSAM: Yes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to approve Ordinance #O1727, the Commission voted:

Commissioner Barnes	Yes
Commissioner Chambers	Yes
Vice Mayor Davis	Yes
Mayor Messam	Yes

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

SECOND READING SCHEDULED for August 21, 2019

**Reports and Comments:**

**Commissioner Reports:**

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Commission reports. I want to start first tonight. Before I get into my announcement, I do want to address an issue that was brought to my attention. I was notified, and I'm under the understanding that a request for an opinion on me and my relationship with the Jamaican Jerk Fest, which just made an announcement that they're moving their 18-year event to the City of Miramar this coming year. And all I would like to say is that, you know, if a member of the -- of the Commission has a question about my involvement, because of my relationship with the entity, I don't really take exception or have, really, an issue to that, or see that as -- as alarming, but -- because I'm willing to disclose any relationship, whether it's professional, civic, or even personal, as it relates

to my duties as a mayor of this City. But what I do find alarming, you know, is to get an email from the press, the Miami New Times, inquiring, asking the very same questions that came from this Commission, which -- and I don't know the intent, I don't know the source, I don't know who. But it appears to be an attempt to weaponize the press raising certain questions. I just find it very coincidental. And all I'm saying, in raising this issue, is that I'm just going to make the jobs of those involved, whoever they are, a little easier by sharing with you exactly what my relationship is. First off, you know, as the Mayor of the City of Miramar, I take a lot of joy, pride, and enjoyment in bringing great ideas, events that I think will benefit this community, and bringing it to this community. I think that's my job, and that's what I'm supposed to do, and I don't apologize for that. I don't make any apologies for that. Now, as for my relationship with the organization, which -- by the way, Jamaican Jerk Fest is an internationally known event now that has grown across the country with event dates in New York City, as well as Washington, D.C. And when I became mayor, shortly afterwards, the organizers and principals of the organization asked me to join their board. And being a fan of the event that I attend with my family for years, accepted under one condition, it's a private entity, it's a for-profit entity, and I offered my advisement, counsel, as a member of the board, and denied and rejected the privileges that came with that by being a board member. I was an unpaid board member. I've never received one cent, which I had every right to, as a private entity. Never received one cent. I served on the board. I'm no longer on the board. I served on the board from 2016 to June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The minute I got on that board, you can ask all the individuals involved in the board, and they're very prominent individuals that are on the board; lawyers, cultural professionals that organize this very successful event. Not one cent. And from day one when I sat in that seat, I've been recruiting them to come to Miramar, especially when we were building the amphitheater, because I was jealous of Markham Park. This event needs to be in Miramar, and I've always said I can't wait until Jerk Fest comes to Miramar, and they'll tell you that. So when I got the call that, "We've met with staff, we're going to bring it to Miramar." I was excited about that. So I just want to share that with whoever made the request, and we'll be -- we'll be forwarding our response to media. But just in case if they're watching online, first question: How is Mayor Messam involved in the event? Response: Mayor Messam has no involvement with the operations or production of the Jamaican Jerk Festival event. Is he on the board of directors or has any involvement with -- with Mr. Edwards, who is CEO of the festival? Mayor Messam served in an unpaid capacity on the board of directors of the Jamaican Jerk Festival between 2000 -- actually, it says 15, it should be 16 through June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019, and I have the corporation articles that states my resignation and removal from the board. Third question: was the \$25,000.00 fee to rent the amphitheater waived for the festival? Now where would that question come from? Response: no fee has been waived for the rental of the amphitheater. Organizers of the Jerk Fest did as any promoter would do to rent the amphitheater. That's City documentation. You can request that from staff to get that. How is the amphitheater doing financially? The reported revenue generated at the amphitheater for fiscal year through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, is \$309,098.00. Will the City receive proceeds from the festival? Of course; they're renting it from us. Response: Yes, the City will receive proceeds from the Festival. Final question: how often does the amphitheater hold events? There have been 11 events held at the amphitheater for the

current fiscal year throughout May 31<sup>st</sup>, same period; 11 events, 300 plus thousand. So those were the questions I received from the Miami New Times. I have nothing to hide. I love this city. I do what I can to fulfill my duty as mayor. I'm making these comments - as you can see, I'm not being malicious, I'm just saying this, is that we should be working together as a commission. This could have been a conversation on the dais during reports. I'm not going to media for any questions. If I have a issue or question, I raise it. We have an agenda item, I bring it forward. Let's work together as a Commission. I'm excited about the event, so I just wanted to -- I'm just -- I just wanted to -- whatever cloud that was out there. Whatever questions that were raised, anything to do with any City operate -- staff can provide that information. And if there's a question for me, you can ask me during the reports. I have no qualms of providing any information by any member on this Commission who may have a question about any relationship that I've had. There's been a couple of occasions where I've had professional conflicts, in terms of contractors or vendors that are doing work with the City, and I make my appropriate notices that are required by the State, and this Commission, procedures are adopted. I leave the seat, I leave the Commission Chambers, and let that item pass, and then I return when it comes back. That's my record. So if anyone has a question, just bring it up in the Commission. I'll respond.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Jerk chicken for everybody?

MAYOR MESSAM: So --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MESSAM: What's that?

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Jerk chicken for everybody tonight?

MAYOR MESSAM: Yeah, it can be jerk chicken. But I'm serious. I know you're making light of the situation, but I'm just saying right now -- and I'm just saying this right now --

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: I don't think this too serious.

MAYOR MESSAM: I want -- I want -- I want -- it is serious. It is serious. When the press sends you questions that's just -- very close to the questions that have come to our attorneys seeking a ethics opinion. And all I'm saying is that however it came out -- and it could be no association. All I'm saying is that I'm letting you, as my colleagues, know if there is a question about any relationship, professionally, that I may have that you think is in question with the City, you may raise it. I won't get upset. It's a question. And there may be a legitimate reason. Maybe the person did not know I was a unpaid person on the board. So that's why I'm sharing this to remove any cloud. It's a great event. I'm excited about it. I wish them well, and hope that it's as successful as they're planning it to be, and I hope the community embraces it and support it. So I thought it was important that I bring it out, and that I share with the public. I'm not coming from a malicious

standpoint, I'm coming from as the Mayor of the City, who wants to work with my colleagues, so that we can serve this community. We're not going to always agree, but there's a way we can go about handling any time we may disagree. We agree on many things, on most of the things. So I just wanted to bring that forward during my report. Vice Mayor Davis, if you're responding specifically to that.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Well, what I can say is that, you know, the media has contacted me on several occasions. I don't go about accusing people on the dais or insinuating that somebody from the dais leaked anything to the media. You know, folks, from time to time, will go to the media and report things. So I -- I just hope that, in the spirit that you're saying of working together, we're not starting out by some kind of insinuation that this Commission went to the media on anything that has to do with you and your relationship with the Jerk Fest. That's -- shouldn't be the case, and that's not in the spirit of working together. That's just my take on it. I mean people go to the media on -- any one of us have been in media, and to your point about just so we remember, when you've had affiliations and I've been on the dais, and case in point was with Purtel, that wasn't your stance at the time. Just -- just so we can clear the air there.

MAYOR MESSAM: No, that was not true.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: When it was Purtel, you sat there the entire time, argued the case in point, to give Purtel the contract, and then abstained from voting. You didn't leave the dais, just a point of clarification there. But I'm not going to argue with you. I just want to be clear that, in the spirit of working together, then we just need to do that. Don't have an accusatory tone of anybody here on the dais when it comes to folks going to the media. That's what the media do.

MAYOR MESSAM: Well, in the spirit of working together, I can speak whatever tone I choose, and the tone that I chose was one of which I gave, which was not an accusation. So you can choose to receive it however, I said if anyone did, I want to clear the air. I did not accuse anyone. And, for the record, and we're not going to litigate the past. The item that I voted for on Purtel was not to give them the contract, it was an item to approve the acceptance of the firms that were shortlisted to be decided upon, and then when that final vote took place -- because no entity was given a contract on that vote. It was a subsequent vote, which I did not vote on, where I recused myself. But, that's it, I'm in my report, so whoever wants to speak can speak during their report, so I -- what I said is what I said, and I'm clearing the air. And I said what I said, and I meant what I said.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: But you gave us the opportunity to speak on this item, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Go -- go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want to say that once you're in this political arena, people going to try to do and say things, and I don't want to make your

situation any less than mine, but my stuff was fabricated straight out of here. Not by the media, but by a number of folks here at the City of Miramar, and was promo on Channel 10 for three days straight, trying to give people a heart attack, and all of that was not factual. So I'm still standing, and it was very disheartening, not so much for me, but for people right across Broward County, Dade, and I should say the world that watched that newscast, and now it's the internet and so forth. But it's what it is. I mean people are going to try to do things, but, hey, you just got to withstand it and, you know, shake it off, I guess. At least they called to get clarification. These people are very mean and vicious when they went after me. I mean they were really -- they went real low. They were digging up big grave for me, you know. But thank you for allowing me to speak during your report, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MESSAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just want to remind people of what happened.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. For my announcements, I'd like to show a few pictures from the recent technology boot camp that took place right here in the City of Miramar with the Florida Vocational Institute. We had a few dozen students that was able to learn or get a camp to expose them to networking, virtualization, and other aspects of technology, just to let them know of the career options that were -- that are available to them. You know, also, we talked so much early we talked about living wage, and -- and minimum wage. But if we get our kids involved in technology, that won't even be an issue for them. In fact, they will be the ones who will be the producers and creating jobs, and that's what we want, you know, for our community, and that's what we want for -- for our students. So I'm glad to be able to have as many students that we did have. And what I really liked was the number of females. They're not all pictured on this -- this photo, but the number of females that took place -- that participated in the program, and this is the second year that one of our own corporate residents has partnered with my office to -- to provide free of charge to the students. And all the students seemed to really enjoy it every year, and who knows what seed that might be planted, and what they may become, and what career options they may choose by the exposure of this opportunity. Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors event. The photo here is Florida mayors that got together to take a picture after the installation of the -- the new president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Always get a lot of great ideas from this conference. In fact, we had an item, in terms of some of the resources. And one of the ideas that we came back from this year is -- is looking at some prospects of solar, and what Miramar can be able to capitalize on. So I'm excited to see what staff will bring back, in terms of being able to see how we can leverage a lot of the technologies, and using some best practices that we can steal from other cities. So it was a great conference and had a -- a wonderful time at the conference. And coming up next week, we have the Mayor's Summer Aviation Camp; that continues to be a success every year. As you know, aviation is a huge sector in the City of Miramar, and the next Aviation Camp will start Tuesday. It will be Tuesday on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can either register on Eventbrite to get information, 954-602-3198. We may already be at capacity, but go ahead and get on



the waiting list, because you never know, you might be able to be added. And from the Aviation Camp, we select students, 30 students to go airside to the airport where they get a chance to tour the fire station. They got to ride next to the planes on the airside of the airport, so they can actually see the baggage handling system, beyond the apron of the airport, see the planes as they're taxiing from the runway or from a gate to the runway on the concourse, so it's a great experience for our youth. And just a heads up, every year on the first Friday of December, we have over 2,000 Miramar and Broward students that pack our amphitheater, where we transform the amphitheater into a airport experience, and that event is sponsored every year by Spirit Airlines and many other sponsors we have throughout the community in the aviation sector. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, we have our Annual Jamaican Emancipendence Celebration, which is free. It will take Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 to 9:30 at the Miramar Cultural Center. It's a great event. We will be directed by Mr. Willie Stewart, and Dr. Sue and Friends. The only thing I ask this year is that I have to get everyone out by 9:30. Last year, folks didn't want to come off the dance floor, so we have to be out by 9:30, or we'll take that extra overtime out of Commissioner Chambers' budget.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Just scream fire, "Fire."

MAYOR MESSAM: And -- and the City of Miramar presents the Jamaica Celebration Flag Day, Independence Day on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Shirley Branca Park located at 6900 Miramar Parkway, headlined by Code Red Band with many other groups that will light the band shell. And for entertainment, it's a free event; come, bring your lawn chairs, blankets, get an opportunity -- a lot of vendors will be out there. It's a great family event. And so looking forward to seeing everyone at the City -- official City event for the Jamaican Independence celebration. And my final announcement is the Circle of Fathers, second year, annual event. That's redefining fatherhood, and it's hosted -- co-hosted by Tracy Martin of the Trayvon Martin Foundation and myself, Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be here at the City -- at City Hall. You can register at [circleoffathers.org](http://circleoffathers.org). It's a great event, where there's panelists who talk real issues that are going on in communities, and the values of -- of the -- the values of being a father. And when you look at the -- just the example of -- not just with Tracy, but with Sabrina, as well as parents of their son, Trayvon, it's -- and their -- their -- their push and their drive to carry on his legacy has turned a very negative and bad situation to a very positive movement that is bringing communities together. So looking forward to seeing everyone, and remember to go to [circleoffathers.org](http://circleoffathers.org) for this event. It was a great event last year right here in the City Hall Chambers, and you'll -- you won't -- you won't be disappointed. Thank you. So I'll start from the end and work this way. Commissioner Chambers -- I mean, Commissioner Barnes, you have a report?

COMMISSIONER BARNES: Just some observations. Special thanks to staff, dedicated staffers who helped to make the July Fourth celebrations a success. I had real second thoughts about coming out. Every time I go to the park for those events, it rains. Staff did something to prevent the rain this time. I'm not so sure, but they fixed it for us, thanks. Also, to congratulate Utilities, the foresight that they showed years and years ago that

continues to pay off, especially in this arrangement with Hollywood that is now being initiated. And, Mr. Mayor, I don't want to make light of it; there's a Shaggy song called "It wasn't me".

MAYOR MESSAM: Commissioner Chambers. Commissioner Chambers.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: Mr. Mayor. Thank you. I just want to touch on something before I go quite into my report. And this is -- since we have the Park Director here and the ACM Gordon. There's a park along Utopia Drive in east Miramar, University/Miramar Boulevard, and that park has become a use for drug sales and homeless and so forth, so residents are complaining, and also the Chief, you as well, to pay attention to see what we can do to prevent ordinary loitering and drug exchange and sale at that park. And also cans of liquor and so forth. It's that strip along the canal, just before Miramar United Methodist Church. So they're crying out for help, and we need to make sure we take care of that park. It's a real nice strip of park, and the people in that neighborhood do not want drug sales over there, or people who are homeless and drinking and so forth. So whatever we can do to fix that situation quickly, please do so, and just reach out to me, or the church or someone in the neighborhood. I think I have a screen up. I know we're going into the hurricane season, and we want to encourage all our residents to take note, and to be prepared. Don't wait until the last minute. And, Mr. Silva, I know Ms. Ina McNeil had applied for a generator permit, so I'm asking if you could -- she's an elderly resident, and she wants to be prepared for the hurricane, so see if we could make sure she gets her permit this week. I know we have the conference, Emancipent -- the Mayor got me confused, Emancipent. The --

MAYOR MESSAM: Diaspora.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: -- Diaspora conference in Jamaica; it was well attended and provided lots of opportunity to -- to network and increase our economic base, and some meaningful diaspora engagement, so that went well. And it was great to see all of us there. And, not only that, just to have Miramar -- it was one of the only cities that got mentioned, because of the history that we are creating here in the City of Miramar, so that was a wonderful experience. Looking forward to that in the next two years. You know, June was Caribbean American Heritage Month, and we have quite a few events throughout the City. This one we try to top it out with -- with the Pembroke Pines Mayor and myself, and Elizabeth Burns at her event, Creation by Liz. It was a nice event that happened over in, I should say, a mixed city, a part of Davie, Pembroke Pines, Miramar, so it's -- it's just a wonderful event that we had at Creation by Liz. And I'm going to say Fourth of July, wasn't here, but it was fantastic from the pictures that I've seen. My staff did a fabulous job with my tent, and the giveaways and the decoration. Had an excellent time in Disney with my children, Zachary, Meia and Hailey. We -- I had to take a little break, so we had a really, really great time visiting the park, so thanks to my staff once more. And I want to share with you -- we have an event coming here, Ashe, it's a dance group from Jamaica. They're going to be here at the Intercontinental Hotel. I don't have the pictures, but this July 20, so they're asking for support to increase their ticket sale. I

think it's like \$35.00, very reasonable, so for those of you have never seen this group perform -- they did perform at the conference in Jamaica. They're really, really fantastic, so I will be supporting them, so please reach out to my office if you need to get information of tickets. And this event coming up July 27<sup>th</sup>, Summer Forever. We're going to be giving back to the community, food, drinks, you name it. Anyone want to come on board, they have a product that they want to give back for their community -- to our community, and they're willing to do so. And we not only giving back, we want to encourage folks to come out and bring a donation also. We want to connect people with resources to people in need, so if you want to bring monetary donation or book bags, school supplies, whatever it is. If you want to even just do a raffle, please reach out to me, or D & G Restaurant, and we can make this happen for our community. So we're going to have bounce houses, we're going to use the splash pad for our children, so most of that going to take place from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then at 7:00 p.m., we'll have some live entertainment that will be happening at that park, so look forward to that. It's going to be a lot of fun. And the next thing, the State rep stated that we're all now texting and driving, so Florida is one of the last state that took that law into place, so we want to be careful with -- when we on our cell phone, not only because it's the law, but we put our lives and our family and our neighbor and friends in danger when we engage inappropriate behavior in our motor vehicle, so we want to be careful and try to encourage each other not to be playing with their radio and phones and all this gadgets and stuff like that. And I must say to staff, to everyone here, how proud I am of this community, City of Miramar, and I see Dr. Susan Gayle, Chief Dexter, my good friend over there, the Fire Chief, and ACM Gordon, Alison, Janie, I call him the money guy, Mr. Mason, you know, we -- we -- we does good things here, and we have so much capable people here at City of Miramar. And, you know, everyone is just fantastic, and we're not perfect, we know that. And if I don't mention your name, please -- it's a lot of names. So I'm telling you I'm excited. I'm proud of all of you that's involved here. Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Colbourne, who's not here, Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Messam, and so forth, so we have everything to keep our head high and to look forward to a fantastic year, 2019, and to move into 2020, so I'm really grateful to be here, to be a part of this community. Thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Vice Mayor -- Vice Mayor Davis.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Thank you. We do have a presentation also. I think it's past and future events. (Video shown) So that was the Sprinter -- sorry. That was the Sprinter movie, which was a success, and we're very pleased to have shown the premier here in -- in Miramar. Moving forward, July 20<sup>th</sup>, we do have a Back to School Bonanza. This is going to be held at Lakeshore Park over by Sherman Circle. We're asking you to register on [backtoschoolbonanza.eventbrite.com](https://backtoschoolbonanza.eventbrite.com), and we hope to be able to give out 1,000 or more book bags with supplies to very needy students. We want to ensure that when they go back the start of the school, they go back prepared and eager to learn, and so, once again, this is a Back to School Bonanza, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park at 8501 S Sherman Circle. Yes, you can go ahead. (Video shown) Looking forward to celebrating Jamaican Independence, 50 years -- sorry, 57 years of being independent, and we're doing it a little different. We're going for the street festival.

Those of you that grew up in -- in the islands, especially the island of Jamaica, we're known for street dances, whether you enjoyed the downtown vibe at Ray Town as I did, or you were an uptowner, and went to Red Hills Road street dance. Those of you who have never experienced a street dance, we welcome you to come and learn a little bit about the culture that is uniquely Caribbean, and this more so Jamaican. And it's going to be held near the Progress -- Beauty and Progress Park, 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Miramar Parkway. In the park we will have a kids' zone with a game station and bounce houses, so it's -- it's really fun for all the family. And, more so, we're having it in that area, because there's a strip mall along there with small businesses, and we'd like to be able to showcase those there, whether you want Haitian food or food from Trinidad or Jamaica, right along that strip we have all those restaurants. And they're going to be participating in this event. So it's a -- it's good for everybody; it's good for the businesses, good to showcase for culture, and we have a lot of support from the churches in the area, and we appreciate that, because we're all in this thing together, as we celebrate Jamaica being 57 years young. And, finally, for now, that is, we do have an Annual Career & Education Fair, very, very important. This is extremely important when we have folks who can barely make ends meet, and if they do, they're working two and three jobs. We boast a lot about having the Fortune 500 companies here in Miramar. We want to ensure that folks who live in Miramar can get a job or get a better paying job to feed their families, so we want to really seek out seniors. A lot of times our seniors are left out of the job market, for whatever reason, they can't find gainful employment. They, themselves, because of, I guess, being a senior is a deterrent to some businesses, but we want to welcome seniors to come on, as well as special needs folks with any types of disabilities, veterans, as well as those folks who are in the business of trade, trade work. We -- we issue a lot of contracts here in the City of Miramar, and we want to ensure that folks that have certain skills can also get -- get employed, so this is going to be Wednesday, August 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and you'll get more information on the folks who are participating. There are companies such as Carnival, Spirit Airlines, Amazon, among others. You see WSVN 7 is a sponsor; education, in terms of NSU, FIU, and a host of others, and we'll keep you informed. Again, it's 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. right here at 2400 Civic Center Place at our Miramar Cultural Center, August 7<sup>th</sup>. You can also register. We'll put up the Eventbrite link, and we hope to see folks there at the job fair. Tell others about it for me, so we can really, really put folks to work here in the City. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And, Vice Mayor, if I may, just say, in regards to your Sprinter, for those of you who have seen that movie, and of those you have not, Sprinter is not just unique to Jamaica, even though it's depict Jamaica family. What it is, it's when a mother had to leave their children behind to go abroad to work, the United States, Canada or in the UK. And I know -- I don't remember if it's Pedro Pan back in the days, people coming from Cuba, family ripped apart. And a lot of Latin country that happen to until today, and it's a tough thing, stuff -- things that happen to family. You know my mother had to leave us behind, and if it wasn't for the relationship that she have with her parents and her sibling, it would have been even more difficult for us, and it's -- it's just a -- a terrible thing, but it's a good movie to see, and if you have the opportunity to look at it, you see what really go on in most Caribbean islands, and also for those of you who

don't know, in Latin America it's happening also, all over the world, so it's not just unique to Jamaica-- to Jamaica. I remember my mom, when she was pregnant with my sister, she work up to the same day, and went -- make delivery, and had to go back the next day. It's a tough thing that family have gone through over the years, so God bless her. Thank you.

VICE MAYOR DAVIS: Absolutely. Thank you for -- for saying that, and mentioning that. It was -- it's -- it's a really good movie. We got very good reviews, and it's something that we must be mindful of in this climate of -- of immigration and the changes that are being made. We have the ICE facility and other things that go on. This movie really brought that home.

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS: And we come to this country in different ways. Some come with the whole families, the mother go before, or the dad went before, and it's -- it's family get ripped apart, unintentionally, but somehow it worked out, and sometime it don't. But it's very -- thank you.

MAYOR MESSAM: Okay. Are there any reports? Okay.

**City Manager Reports:**

NONE

**City Attorney Reports:**

NONE

**FUTURE WORKSHOP**

Date	Time	Subject	Location
07/10/19	5:30 p.m.	Body Worn Cameras for Police Officers	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD.	Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD	Senior Advisory Board and Budget Review Board	Commission Chambers
TBD	TBD.	Commission Retreat	Commission Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR MESSAM: Meeting's adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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